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THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION.

In the year 1877, in the early history of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, a session of the General Executive Committee was held in the city of Minneapolis. We were then a small and "feeble folk". The Society had then occupied but a few fields, only forty missionaries had been sent out, and the annual income amounted to only about sixty thousand dollars. On October 29, 1902, twenty-five years later, the committee commenced another session in the same city. The years have wrought great and wondrous changes. The Society has "lengthened its cords and strengthened its stakes" in the home land, while abroad its lines have verily gone out unto the ends of the earth. Some of the secretaries who were present in 1877 were also present at this recent meeting.

In the judgment of many this last session was one of the very best ever held. Wesley Church, commodious, spacious and beautiful, was an ideal church for such a gathering, while the pastor and local committees were untiring in their attentions. The days were crowded with business, devotional and with popular meetings addressed by missionaries, over thirty of whom were in attendance, representing every country where the Society has work, save Bulgaria.

The opening service was held on Wednesday evening, when the communion was administered, and the untiring workers in the home land, and their devoted representatives abroad knelt side by side and renewed their allegiance to the king of kings, whom they had so loyally served. After this service addresses of welcome were delivered by the pastor and Mrs. Winchell, corresponding secretary, emeritus, of the Minneapolis Branch, to which Mrs. Keen responded, referring feelingly to the meeting of twenty-five years ago and the great developments of the years.

The financial report of the past year, which showed the total amount of money raised \$478,236, awakened the greatest enthusiasm. This was fifty-one thousand dollars in advance of the previous year, and the best financial record ever made in the society's history.

There was quite a change in the personnel of the committee this year. Mrs. L. A. Alderman, whose name for twenty-four years had stood

first on the list, felt it incumbent to retire, and Miss Holt, of Boston, now becomes the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch. Mrs. Alderman's saintly life and beautiful devotion have been a benediction, and she retires with the affection of all who have been associated with her. Mrs. Ph. Achard, Secretary of the German Work, and for twelve years editor of *Frauen Missions-Freund*, was not in her accustomed seat, for on October 5th she was called to her heavenly home. Very tender references were made to her devoted life, and resolutions appreciative of her character were passed. Her daughter, Miss A. M. Achard, represented her work, and was subsequently appointed editor of the German paper. Miss Rothweiler was given the secretaryship of the German work. The report of the literature was of the most encouraging character, for every periodical had advanced its subscription list, and the Literature Committee had published a large number of new leaflets, and reprinted many of the former ones, so that the constituency had provided for it a quantity of the very best material for developing intelligence.

Ten cultivated young women were accepted for service by this committee, and nine were accepted by the Reference Committee in May, making nineteen in all. Some of these have already sailed for their destination. Others were present, expecting soon to follow. Three of those accepted were the daughters of missionaries, Maud E. Soper, and Mabel Davisson, of Japan, and Helen Robinson, of India.

A very tender memorial service was held on Monday afternoon for those who had fallen during the year: Delia A. Fuller, fifteen years in India; Dr. Lillian N. Harris, five years in Korea; Mary De F. Loyd, eighteen years in Mexico; and Josephine Mekkelson, two short but fruitful years in Western Africa. Mrs. Gilder spoke of Miss Fuller as they had been associated in work; Mrs. Cowen of Miss Loyd; Mrs. Huston of Miss Mekkelson, and Bishop Moore, who was present in Pyeng Yang, Korea, when Dr. Harris died, gave an account of her illness and funeral. Miss Rothweiler spoke for Mrs. Achard, and the friends who had been so intimately associated with the society were lovingly remembered—Mrs. Bishop Thoburn, Dr. S. L. Baldwin, Dr. Appenzeller and Rev. Mr. Curtis.

On the Sabbath the missionaries spoke in many of the churches in Minneapolis and St. Paul and the surrounding towns. Bishop Thoburn preached the anniversary sermon in the morning at Wesley Church, and the anniversary proper was held in the same church in the evening, when a report of the year's work was presented by the secretary, and an address on China was given by Bishop Moore. Every available seat in the large church was occupied. In the afternoon a general children's rally was held, at which several missionaries spoke, and the Chinese girls, who

are in this country for education, sang and told of the condition of Chinese children. Very considerable attention was given to modifications of work among young women and children for greater efficiency.

On Saturday afternoon arrangements were made by the Commercial Club of the city to give the delegates, missionaries and visitors a trolley ride to St. Paul. About two hundred enjoyed this delightful trip, making a detour around some of the beautiful little lakes which abound in Minnesota. A reception was given by Mrs. Geo. N. Hilman, of St. Paul, and after the return in the evening another reception was given by Mrs. Bishop Joyce.

The hospitality of the Minneapolis churches was unbounded. Dinners and suppers were served each day to several hundred persons. Rest rooms were tastefully arranged, with easy chairs and lounges, where one could spend an hour of quiet.

The closing service of the meeting was very impressive. Twenty missionaries were on the platform, and each spoke a few words of their joy in returning to their work, and others of the bright prospects of entering upon such a glorious service.

The appropriations for the year amount to over four hundred and twenty-nine thousand dollars.

The next session of the committee will be held in the city of Baltimore.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

THIRTY-THIRD SESSION.

FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS,

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1902.

The thirty-third session of the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Wesley Church, Minneapolis, Minn., on Thursday morning, October 30, 1902, at 9 o'clock.

The president, Mrs. C. D. Foss, called the meeting to order and conducted the opening devotional exercises, announcing the first hymn, "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing," after which she read a part of the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah, and Mrs. Alderman led in prayer. The singing of the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," concluded the devotional exercises.

The business of the committee was taken up, the secretary calling the roll of delegates. For Mrs. Alderman's name, which had stood at the head of the list for twenty-four years, was substituted that of Miss M. E. Holt, elected at the New England Branch Annual Meeting, Mrs. Alderman having resigned. The following responded to roll-call, viz.:

New England Branch: Miss Mary E. Holt, Miss Clementine Butler, Miss Mary A. Pomeroy.

New York Branch: Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, Miss Mary M. Queal.

Philadelphia Branch: Mrs. S. L. Keen, Mrs. P. P. Strawinski, Mrs. C. E. Davis.

Baltimore Branch: Mrs. E. B. Stevens, Mrs. E. L. Harvey, Miss Della Sherman.

Cincinnati Branch: Mrs. E. T. Cowen, Mrs. D. E. Halstead, Miss A. G. Miles.

Northwestern Branch: Mrs. F. P. Crandon, Mrs. W. A. Smith, Miss Margaret I. Dickson.

Des Moines Branch: Mrs. M. S. Huston, Miss Kate E. Moss, Mrs. O. S. Dow.

Minneapolis Branch: Mrs. I. W. Joyce, Mrs. F. E. White, Mrs. B. H. Wylie.

Topeka Branch: Miss Matilda Watson, Mrs. Mary Price Smith, Mrs. A. A. Parker.

Pacific Branch: Mrs. Charlotte O'Neal, Mrs. F. J. Masters, Mrs. J. R. Umsted.

Columbia River Branch: Mrs. A. N. Fisher, Mrs. M. E. Chesnut, Mrs. T. S. Lippy.

Secretary of German Work:

Literature Committee: Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Mrs. C. F. Wilder, Miss E. C. Northup.

In the Des Moines Branch Mrs. O. S. Dow, first reserve, was substituted for Mrs. L. L. Long, delegate elect. In Columbia River Branch Mrs. T. S. Lippy, first reserve, was substituted for Miss C. Holbrook, delegate elect.

The announcement was made of the death of Mrs. P. Achard, secretary of German work, which occurred October 5.

After the calling of the roll, the delegates made selection of seats. The president made a few introductory remarks, then called for the regular order of business. Miss Watson, secretary of the reference committee, nominated the following committees, and the nominations were confirmed.

Committee on Publication: New England Branch, Miss Butler; New York Branch, Miss Queal; Philadelphia Branch, Miss Strawinski; Baltimore Branch, Mrs. Harvey; Cincinnati Branch, Mrs. Halstead; Northwestern Branch, Miss Dickson; Des Moines Branch, Miss Moss; Minneapolis Branch, Mrs. Wylie; Topeka Branch, Mrs. M. P. Smith; Pacific Branch, Mrs. Umsted; Columbia River Branch, Mrs. Lippy.

Committee on Missionary Candidates: New England Branch, Miss Pomeroy; New York Branch, Mrs. Baldwin; Philadelphia Branch, Mrs. Davis; Baltimore Branch, Miss Sherman; Cincinnati Branch, Miss Miles; Northwestern Branch, Mrs. W. A. Smith; Des Moines Branch, Mrs. Dow; Minneapolis Branch, Mrs. White; Topeka Branch, Mrs. Parker; Pacific Branch, Mrs. Masters; Columbia River Branch, Mrs. Chesnut.

Mrs. Crandon asked that the following missionaries and visitors be seated with the Northwestern Branch delegates: Misses Fisher,

Wright, Craig, Kemper, Mmes. Denning and Craven, all of India ; Misses Todd and Merrill, of China ; Mrs. Patton, president of the branch ; and Mrs. Bliss, home secretary. Mrs. Huston requested that Mrs. Stanley, for twenty-five years treasurer of the Des Moines Branch, Miss Pearson, president, Mrs. Fitz, present treasurer, Misses Trimble and Meyer, of China, Miss Perkins, of Burma, Miss Mabel Sia and Miss Susana Stumpf, accepted candidates, be seated with the Des Moines delegation. Mrs. Keen asked that Miss C. Purdy, of Mexico, Miss Hunnings and Miss Sutch be seated at the Philadelphia table. Mrs. Skidmore asked for Miss Bowne, of Italy, and Miss Budden, of India, to be seated with the New York delegation. Mrs. Pooley asked for Misses Stewart, Prentice, Lincoln and Achard to be seated with the Literature Committee. Mrs. Cowen asked that Misses Means, Hoge, and Wilson, of India, and Miss Lebeus, of China, be seated with the Cincinnati delegation. Miss Holt asked that Miss Hodgkins, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Scott and Miss Walden be seated with the New England delegation. Mrs. Fisher requested that Miss Lilly, of Singapore, be seated with the Columbia River Branch delegation. Mrs. O'Neal asked that Miss Marks, of India, and Mrs. Graves be seated with the Pacific Branch delegation. These requests were all granted.

It was moved and carried that Miss Rothweiler take the table assigned for Mrs. Achard, superintendent of German work.

Mrs. J. H. Knowles, of the New York Branch, was appointed assistant secretary.

Miss Watson asked as a privilege that Mrs. A. A. Parker, a conference secretary of the Topeka Branch, be permitted to represent the branch, as the delegates elected were detained. The privilege was granted.

A report of the Reference committee was called for, and Miss Watson, secretary, reported proceedings. This committee held its mid-year meeting in Cincinnati in May. Various items of business were considered, and the following missionaries were accepted : from the New England Branch, Miss Edith I. Swift for Italy; from the Philadelphia Branch, Sarah A. Turner for India; from the Baltimore Branch, Maud E. Soper for Japan; from the Northwestern Branch, Thirza M. Pierce for China; from the Des Moines Branch, Mabel Sia and Bertha M. Beard for China, Rosa M. Pyne and Susana M. Stumpf for India. The report was accepted.

The report of the Constitutional Publication Committee was presented by the secretary, Mrs. Keen. The financial report of the zenana paper was given. A communication from India concerning the zenana paper had just been received, and Mrs. Keen asked the privilege of presenting a supplementary report, which privilege was granted.

Miss Holt had sent her resignation as member of the Literature Committee, and the name of Miss Northup, of New England, was suggested for the position.

Mrs. Huston moved that when the reports of home work are presented the statistics and treasurers' reports be given at the same time.

The motion prevailed.

A call was made by the president for memorials and petitions. Two memorials were passed to the secretary from the Northwestern Branch and two from the Philadelphia Branch. It was voted that a special committee be appointed to consider these memorials, and that the chair appoint said committee.

The reports of home work were called for, and presented by the secretaries of the branches as follows: New England Branch, by Mrs. Alderman, at the request of Miss Holt; New York, by Mrs. Skidmore; Philadelphia, by Mrs. Keen; Baltimore, by Mrs. Stevens; Cincinnati, by Mrs. Cowen; Northwestern, by Mrs. Crandon; Des Moines, by Mrs. Huston; Minneapolis, by Mrs. Joyce; Topeka, by Miss Watson.

It was moved and carried that, as arrangements had been made to serve lunch at 12:30, the committee adjourn as soon as announcements were made.

As all the branches had not reported, it was voted that the remaining branches give their treasurers' reports, that the amount raised during the year might be announced. The amount received by branches from October 1, 1901, to October 1, 1902, was as follows:—

New England Branch	\$ 43,939.97
New York	89,921.00
Philadelphia	43,491.07
Baltimore	19,310.77
Cincinnati	57,280.00
Northwestern	120,406.05
Des Moines	41,155.65
Minneapolis	21,809.22
Topeka	20,694.56
Pacific	13,886.00
Columbia River	5,085.57
From the Germans	2,156.17
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	\$478,236.03
Amount raised, 1901	426,795.28
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Advance for 1902	\$ 51,440.75

The following committee was announced on memorials and petitions: Miss Dickson, of the Northwestern Branch; Mrs. Baldwin, of the New York Branch, and Mrs. Davis, of the Philadelphia Branch.

Announcements were made for meetings of various committees.

Mrs. Landis, general chairman of local committees, was introduced, and presented the following heads of local departments: Mrs. Taylor, Hospitality; Mrs. Ensign, Registration; Mrs. Hill, Postmistress; Mrs. Thorne, Literature; Mrs. Sloan, Rest Room; Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Cowen, Press; Mrs. Hall, Receptions; Mrs. Fielder, Public Services; Mrs. Nelson, Finance; Mrs. Cobb, Luncheon; Mrs. Montgomery, Courtesies.

The following ministers were introduced to the committee: Rev. Dr. Fielder, presiding elder of the Minneapolis District; Rev. Dr. Bridgman, president of Hainline University; Rev. Mr. Heard; Rev. Mr. Kirfoot; Dr. White, presiding elder of Blue Earth District; Rev. Mr. Wilsey; Rev. Mr. Jacobson; Rev. Mr. Parker; and Dr. Montgomery, pastor of Wesley Church.

The committee adjourned, after singing the doxology, with benediction by Dr. Bridgman.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS,

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31.

The General Executive Committee convened for its second day's proceedings at nine o'clock with the president, Mrs. Foss, in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by the delegates from the New England Branch.

After the calling of the roll by the secretary, the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Mrs. Huston asked as a matter of privilege that as the delegates from the Des Moines Branch had not arrived, and she had not heard from them, that Mrs. Fritz, treasurer of the branch, act as delegate. The privilege was granted.

It was voted that the business program be closed at twelve o'clock, and announcements and introductions occupy the time until half-past twelve, the hour announced for lunch.

Elizabeth C. Northup, of Waltham, Mass., had been nominated by the eastern section as a member of the Literature Committee, to take the place of Miss Holt, whose term expires. Miss Holt moved that the nomination be confirmed, and Miss Northup was appointed.

Miss Queal moved that a committee of three be appointed on resolutions, which motion prevailed.

Miss Rothweiler asked that all German secretaries present and Miss Lebeus, of China, be seated at or near the table occupied by Miss Achard and Miss Rothweiler. The request was granted.

Mrs. Cowen asked that Miss Bing, of Japan, be seated with the Cincinnati delegation. Mrs. Crandon asked that Miss Newton and Miss Green, of India, Mrs. Hauser, Mrs. Irish, Mrs. Clark and daughter, and Mrs. Robinson, home workers, be seated with the Northwestern delegation, which privilege was granted.

The following persons were appointed to report the proceedings of the committee in the church papers: *Pacific Christian Advocate*, Mrs. J. H. Knowles; *New York Christian Advocate*, Mrs. J. T. Gracey; *Western Christian Advocate*, to be provided by the Cincinnati delegation; *Zion's Herald*, Mrs. O. W. Scott; *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, Mrs. A. W. Patton; *California Christian Advocate*, Mrs. F. J. Masters; *Der Christliche Apologete*, Miss Lebeus; *Michigan Christian Advocate*, Mrs. Hauser; *Pittsburg Christian Advocate*, Miss B. M. Sutch; *Baltimore Methodist*, Mrs. Harvey; *Central Christian Advocate*, Miss Pearson; *Midland Christian Advocate*, Miss Anna Stewart; *Philadelphia Methodist*, Mrs. Strawinski.

The unfinished reports of home work were called for and that of the Pacific Branch was presented by the secretary, Mrs. O'Neal. The Columbia River Branch was presented by the secretary, Mrs. Fisher.

The report of German work was called for and Miss Rothweiler requested that Miss Achard, the daughter of the former superintendent, be permitted to make the report. Miss Achard referred very touchingly to her mother's last illness, her care for the work, and her triumphant death; she spoke also, of the great financial success of the society among the Germans. After her report a verse was sung, "We share each others joys," etc.

The report of the Literature Committee was presented by the chairman, Mrs. R. H. Pooley. The report was accepted and referred to the Publication Committee.

Mrs. Keen supplemented her report of the Constitutional Publication Committee in regard to the zenana paper, giving some statements from a letter received from Mrs. Messmore, of India. It was accepted and referred to Publication Committee.

Miss Hodgkins, editor of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, presented a report of that paper, which report was accepted and referred to the Publication Committee. The report of the *Children's Missionary Friend* was presented by the editor, Mrs. O. W. Scott, and was accepted and

referred to the Publication Committee. The report of *Der Frauen-Missions-Freund* was presented by Miss Achard and referred to Publication Committee. The report of *The Study* was given by the editor, Mrs. Budlong, and referred to the Publication Committee. These reports showed an advance in subscriptions of all the periodicals of 7,169. Miss Walden, publisher, presented a financial report of these publications, showing them to be on a self-supporting basis, with a surplus in the treasury. The report was accepted and referred to the Publication Committee.

Mrs. Keen asked that Miss Lincoln be seated with the Philadelphia Branch delegation, and the privilege was granted.

Miss Walden presented a financial report of the Literature Committee, which was referred to the Publication Committee. Mrs. Harrison, superintendent of Little Light Bearers, presented the first report of this organization. Reports accepted and referred to Publication Committee.

The president announced the Committee on Resolutions as follows : Miss Butler, of the New England Branch ; Mrs. Harvey, of the Baltimore Branch ; and Miss Moss, of the Des Moines Branch. The literature was represented by Mrs. Mary C. Nind.

Announcements were made concerning the trolley ride to St. Paul, and the reception to be given by Mrs. Hillman, also the reception to be tendered to delegates, missionaries and visitors and to those entertaining members of the committee, by Mrs. Bishop Joyce, at her residence on Saturday evening, from eight to ten o'clock.

The following missionaries were presented to the committee : Miss Bing, of Japan ; Misses Fisher, Green, Marks, Hoge, Means, Wright and Budden, of India ; Mmes. Craven and Denning, of the General Board, from India ; Miss Longstreet, of Foochow ; Miss Merrill, of Central China ; Miss Myer, of West China ; Miss Purdy, of Mexico ; Miss Lilly of Singapore ; and Mrs. Dunlap, of South America.

Miss Cooper, of Asbury Hospital, was introduced, also the following ministers : Rev. Dr. Rule, presiding elder of St. Paul District ; Rev. Mr. Bergen, pastor of the First German Church ; Rev. Mr. Holloway, pastor of St. Anthony Park Church ; Rev. Mr. Bowes, pastor of the North German Church ; Rev. Mr. Lawson, of St. Cloud ; Rev. Mr. Shannon, pastor of North Church, Minneapolis ; and Rev. Mr. Wire, editor of the *Midland Christian Advocate*.

Miss Butler, delegate from the New England Branch, daughter of Dr. Wm. Butler, founder of Methodist missions in India and Mexico, was introduced ; also Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, delegate from the New York Branch and for twenty-five years missionary in China. After these introductions, the committee adjourned by singing the doxology, with benediction by Rev. Mr. Shannon.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

The General Executive Committee convened at the usual hour, with the president in the chair. The opening devotions were conducted by the delegates of the New York Branch. The roll was called, minutes read, corrected and approved.

Mrs. Fisher, of the Columbia River Branch, asked that Mrs. Lippy, one of the delegates, be excused from further attendance on the meeting, she finding it necessary to return to her home. The request was granted. Miss Queal asked that Mrs. Wilkinson, president of Folts Institute, be seated with the New York delegation. The request was granted.

Mrs. Huston moved, and it was carried, that if any of the committees were ready they be requested to report.

Miss Dickson, chairman of Committee on Memorials, presented a partial report. It was voted to accept and consider item by item.

The Committee on Memorials has received memorials from Philadelphia, New England, and Northwestern Branches. These have been carefully considered and we submit the following partial report.

Believing that it would be of advantage to our work, therefore,

Resolved, That we furnish one free copy of the *Woman's Missionary Friend* to each newly organized auxiliary for the period of one year.

WHEREAS, Other societies fix the dues for membership in babies' societies at ten cents per year,

Resolved, That we recommend that the annual dues of the Little Light Bearers be placed at ten cents.

The first item about *Friend* was lost ; the second, after some discussion, was laid on the table.

Mrs. Baldwin, chairman of Committee on Missionary Candidates, presented a partial report. The following, after due consideration and representation by the several secretaries presenting them, by missionaries and others having knowledge of them, were accepted : Miss Bessie Alexander for Japan, a request for her appointment coming from the Japanese Conference through the Philadelphia Branch ; Dr. Mary B. Tuttle from Topeka Branch for India ; Anna Mary Zimmerman from the Minneapolis Branch ; Helen Robinson from the New York Branch for India ; Mabel Davisson from New York Branch for Japan.

Mrs. Harvey, secretary of Publication Committee, presented a partial report. It was voted to accept and consider item by item. The

first and second items were adopted. The third, recommending the giving of one copy of the *Friend* for every ten members, caused considerable discussion. Miss Watson moved to amend by inserting the word "new", making it read, "for every ten new members". The amendment was accepted. Miss Butler moved a second amendment; that a copy be given for every fifteen renewals. The matter was referred back to the committee. The fourth item was adopted. The fifth, concerning department in *Friend* for reporting new organizations, members, etc., it was moved to amend by striking out the word "organizer". This item was discussed and referred back to committee. The sixth item was adopted. On the seventh, concerning the enlargement of the *Children's Friend*, Mrs. Crandon moved that action be deferred until after hearing from the Committee on Children's Work, appointed by the last General Executive Committee. It was deferred. The eighth item, recommending the continuance of Miss Hodgkins as editor of the *Friend*, Mrs. Scott as editor of the *Children's Friend*, and the appointment of Miss A. M. Achard as editor of the *German Friend*, was adopted. The ninth item, concerning the salaries of editors, was deferred for action. The tenth, relative to the sale of the *Friend* at railway stations, was lost. The eleventh, having reference to the uniting of Children's Work and Little Light Bearers under one general secretary, was deferred to hear from Special Committee on Children's Work.

Mrs. Mary S. Wilkinson, president elect of Folts' Mission Institute, was introduced and represented that institution. She spoke of its equipment as a school and home, and of its thoroughly trained and efficient faculty.

Miss Kemper, chairman of a committee appointed at the session of the General Executive Committee one year ago to prepare some uniform plan and name for children's work, presented a report. It was moved to accept and defer action until Monday. The motion carried.

Mrs. Pooley represented the literature.

Local announcements were made by Mrs. Landis, and Mrs. Clark, railroad secretary, made announcements concerning certificates.

The following were introduced to the committee: Mrs. E. K. Stanley, for twenty-five years treasurer of the Des Moines Branch; Mrs. Dr. Van Anda; Miss Lydia Trimble, of China; Miss Bertha Beard, under appointment to China; Miss May Wilson, of India; Ruby Sia, of China, now a student in Cornell College; Mrs. Bliss, home secretary, and Mrs. Patton, president of the Northwestern Branch; Miss Spaulding, of the Training School in Kansas City; and Professor Patton, of Northwestern University. Upon motion, the committee adjourned, singing the doxology, with benediction by Rev. Mr. Kirfoot.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS,

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

The General Executive Committee convened at nine o'clock, with Mrs. Foss, the president, in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by the delegates of the Philadelphia Branch. After calling of the roll, the minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Business was taken up and reports by committees called. Miss Watson moved that the committee take up the discussion of the report on Children's Work, which report was presented on Saturday, but action deferred until Monday. Miss Kemper read the report a second time. It was moved to consider item by item. Mrs. Keen desired to have the consideration of the report postponed, that it might go before other committees. Mrs. Crandon stated that it had been considered before other committees, so the motion to consider item by item carried.

The first item, concerning the name for children's organizations, was that it be "King's Heralds". A general discussion followed, in which objection was made by some, preferring to retain the name of "Mission Band"; others objected to multiplication of departments; some desired uniformity; others thought a name was needed for children between Little Light Bearers and Standard Bearers. After the discussion, a vote was called for, and as some expressed doubt as to the result, a standing vote was called for, resulting in twenty-three in favor and nine opposed; so the name of King's Heralds was officially adopted.

The second item, concerning badge, was adopted.

The third, concerning colors, was adopted.

The fourth, concerning pledge, motto, watchword, message and benediction, was adopted.

The fifth was about a uniform mite-box. As the General Executive Committee at the session in 1901 recommended the use of a "World" mite-box, and as it had not been introduced, desiring to have uniformity, Miss Dickson moved to rescind the action of last year, which motion was carried, and the item with its recommendation adopted.

The sixth item recommended the election of a general secretary, who shall attend the sessions of the General Executive Committee and make a report, and a secretary of Children's Work in each branch, etc. After a general discussion and various amendments, a final motion was made to amend by inserting the words, "including the department of Little Light Bearers" after "There shall be a general secretary of Children's Work,

including," etc. A vote was taken and doubted, and a rising vote called for, resulting in nineteen in favor and fourteen opposed, securing the adoption of the item.

The seventh item was adopted.

The eighth, concerning duties of officers and to whom reports should be made, was amended to include branch corresponding secretaries, and was adopted as amended.

The ninth was adopted.

The tenth, appropriating special work, it was voted to divide and consider separately. In the first section, the selection of special objects, the Reference Committee, in consultation with the general secretary of Children's Work to select the special object, all branches uniting. Mrs. Stevens moved to amend by adding "as far as practicable" which was accepted, and the first section adopted as amended. The second, relating to a certain per cent. in appropriations to Children's Work in each branch, was, after much discussion, referred back to committee. The third, that money raised by children be reported, was adopted.

The eleventh item, recommending that the *Children's Missionary Friend* be the official organ of the King's Heralds, was adopted.

The twelfth advised the enlargement of the *Children's Friend* from twelve to sixteen pages. Miss Walden stated that if an edition of twenty-five thousand could be issued, the additional cost for enlargement would be about \$350, and if the subscription list were raised to fifty thousand, the expenses could be met.

The thirteenth, urging the introduction of the paper in the Sunday Schools, was adopted.

The fourteenth was the adoption of the constitution.

The fifteenth item, recommending that the postage and traveling expenses of the secretary of Children's Work be paid from the general treasury, was discussed. Mrs. Keen moved to amend by having the expenses paid from the *Woman's Missionary Friend*. The amendment was lost, and the item adopted as presented.

The following resolution, presented by Mrs. Crandon, was adopted :—

Resolved, That hereafter special committees appointed by this General Executive Committee prepare their reports in such time that a copy shall be in the hands of every branch secretary at least two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee.

Miss Hodgkins, chairman of a committee appointed one year ago to provide a crest and badge for the society, reported that the committee had submitted a pin at several of the branch meetings, where it met with favor, and she submitted it to the General Executive Committee. Action on the matter was deferred for a day.

Miss Hodgkins represented the literature.

Bishop Thoburn was introduced and made a short address. Mr. and Mrs. Gilder, of India, and Miss Joan Davis, an accepted candidate, were also introduced. The committee adjourned by singing the doxology and benediction by Bishop Thoburn.

FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

The General Executive Committee met at nine o'clock with the president in the chair. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by the delegates of the Baltimore Branch. The roll was called, the minutes read, corrected and approved.

The regular business was called for, and Mrs. Baldwin, chairman of the Committee on Missionary Candidates, gave a partial report. Miss Minerva Guthaffel, from the New York Branch, was accepted. The testimonials of the Misses Saxe were satisfactory in every respect save health, so they were referred back to the New York Branch. Miss L. Passmore, of the Northwestern Branch, was accepted for work in Bombay. Miss Spaulding, from the Topeka Branch, was recommended for Manila. The committee expressed the earnest conviction and made the request that no costume be worn by a missionary going to Manila, or any Roman Catholic country, as the ignorant and superstitious people think it only another order. Mrs. Joyce said that Dr. Stuntz, knowing the situation in Manila, had asked for a deaconess. Mrs. Huston moved to amend the clause by striking out the sentence about the costume. Bishop Thoburn was asked to give his views, and said he did not think the costume of a deaconess would be objectionable. The motion to strike out the clause was carried, and Miss Spaulding accepted.

Miss Kemper, chairman of the committee on a plan for children's work, presented the item which had been referred back to committee:—The committee recommends omitting Sec. 2 and the words, "include in it their appropriations," and after the words, "as far as practicable". Carried.

Mrs. Keen, after speaking of the radical changes being made, and giving a word of caution lest the multiplicity of home reports push out the foreign reports, said she fully approved of the increase of workers, but the missionaries ought to be heard, for from them comes inspiration. Mrs. Keen then moved to withdraw the article recommending a general

secretary of children's work. This called forth a discussion, when the question was called for and a vote taken on the motion, resulting in twelve in favor and twenty opposed. The motion being lost, the report of the committee was adopted as a whole.

Miss Dickson presented a report on memorials. Mrs. Crandon moved that no one person shall be allowed to speak more than once until all have had an opportunity. This motion prevailed. Miss Dickson presented a memorial from the Northwestern Branch in regard to the further and more complete organization of Standard Bearers. It was voted to consider item by item. The first item was considered. Miss Holt moved as an amendment that "there shall be a Secretary of Young Women's Work and Standard Bearers". Mrs. O'Neal moved a second amendment, "that it shall be Young People's Work". This amendment was lost. Other suggestions were made, when Mrs. Crandon offered a substitute, "there shall be a Secretary for Young Women's Work and Standard Bearers," which substitute was adopted.

The second, third and fourth items were adopted. The fifth item was struck out. Miss Dickson spoke and moved to reconsider the action, which was carried. With some verbal alterations the item was accepted.

The sixth item was adopted.

The seventh was a constitution for the Young Women's Work and Standard Bearers. The first six articles were adopted; the seventh, relating to election by ballot, it was voted to eliminate.

The item concerning wearing the badge was discussed, and Mrs. Crandon moved to amend by substituting "should not" for "cannot", and the amendment was accepted and the item adopted. By common consent the word "national" was changed to "general".

The eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh items were adopted.

The twelfth concerned reporting. Mrs. Pooley moved that reports be made uniform with the one presented for King's Heralds, and that they be made quarterly to the branch corresponding secretary. Mrs. Stevens offered as an amendment that reports be made to corresponding secretary or one appointed to receive such reports, which amendment was accepted and the article, as amended, adopted. The thirteenth item, concerning the expenses of secretary, was discussed. Mrs. Pooley moved that the necessary expenses, such as postage and traveling to the General Executive Committee, be met from the treasury of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. This motion prevailed.

The fourteenth item was referred back to the committee. The fifteenth was adopted. The sixteenth was referred back to committee. The seventeenth was adopted.

The report of the general treasurer, Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, was read by the secretary. Receipts for the year to cover, the expenses of secretaries and delegates to the Reference Committee and General Executive Committee, with other incidental expenses, \$2,626. Expenses to October 30, \$2,004.20, with balance on hand, \$21.80. The report was accepted.

The president, Mrs. C. D. Foss, who, with Mrs. W. B. Davis, of Cincinnati, had been appointed by the Reference Committee to investigate the titles to the property of the society in foreign lands, presented a report. As they had not been able to complete their investigations, Mrs. Crandon moved that the report be accepted, and the committee continued. This motion carried. Mrs. Crandon also moved that the committee report to the secretary, that the list of the value of real estate in the Annual Report may be corrected. The motion prevailed. The expense incident to the work of this committee was ordered paid.

The secretary read a list of the missionaries in attendance at the meeting. There were twenty-one from India and Burma, five from China, one from Korea, two from Japan, one from Mexico, one from Italy, two from South America; thirty-three in all.

Miss Butler moved that the reports of official correspondents be made the order of the day Wednesday morning at nine thirty. The motion was carried. Miss Northup represented the literature, Mrs. Landis made local announcements, and stated that the Commercial Club of the city presented to each of the delegates a copy of *Picturesque Minneapolis*.

The committee adjourned by singing the doxology.

SIXTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS,

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

The General Executive Committee convened at the usual hour, with the president in the chair. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by the delegates of the Cincinnati Branch. The roll was called, minutes read, corrected and approved.

The official correspondence, the order for the day, was taken up. A report of the work in Africa was presented by Mrs. Huston. She reported the death of Josephine Mekkelson at St. Paul de Loanda, on July 5, 1902.

The work in Bulgaria was reported by Mrs. Crandon. The work in Bombay was called for, and Mrs. Huston was excused from reading and passed the report to the secretary to be published in the annual report.

The report of Italy was given by Mrs. Crandon. Malaysia was called for, and Mrs. Joyce asked that instead of reading the report, Miss Lilly be asked to speak, she having so recently returned from Malaysia. The request was granted, and Miss Lilly referred to the great development of the work and the need for reinforcements.

Mexico was called for, and the report prepared by Mrs. Keen, the official correspondent, was read by the secretary.

Miss Holt, secretary of the New England Branch, read the report of North China.

Miss Watson asked that, instead of reading the report from Northwest India, Miss Wright and Miss Marks be asked to represent that work, which request was granted. Miss Marks stated that there were twelve hundred orphans in this conference under the care of the society.

Mrs. Fisher, official correspondent for North Japan, gave some facts concerning the needs of the work throughout the north.

Miss Jacobson, formerly of Pakur, India, reported the work among the Scandinavians as having wonderfully developed during the year. One hundred and seventeen auxiliaries had been organized with twenty-five hundred members.

Mrs. Stevens represented South India. At the close of this report Miss Watson moved that the reports of standing committees be taken up. The motion prevailed.

Miss Hodgkins, chairman of Committee on Badge and Crest, supplemented a previous report. It was moved and carried to adopt the report as presented by Miss Hodgkins.

Miss Watson moved that this Committee be continued, but it was announced that Miss Carnahan, a member of the committee, had gone to Japan, so the name of Miss Lincoln, of the Philadelphia Branch, was substituted, and the committee continued, all details of the matter to be in the hands of this committee.

The Committee on Publication was called and the secretary, Mrs. Harvey, presented a partial report.

The first item was adopted.

The second, recommending the appointment of Mrs. Lucie F. Harrison as general secretary of Children's Work, including Little Light Bearers, was adopted.

The third, suggesting the name of Miss E. C. Northup, of the New England Branch, as editor of the *Study*, was adopted.

The fourth, recommending the name of Miss Mary L. Ninde, of Detroit, for general secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers, was adopted.

Five other items of a miscellaneous character were adopted. The

tenth, advising the publication in the *Friend* of new organizations, members and subscribers, called out quite a discussion. Mrs. Crandon moved as an amendment to "strike out the clause referring to subscriptions of periodicals". Miss Hodgkins hoped the amendment would not pass. Mrs. Dow thought if inserted it would serve as a great incentive. The amendment was lost. Mrs. Baldwin moved that the name of the conference be inserted. A vote was taken but doubted, and a rising vote was called for, resulting in eleven in favor and seventeen opposed. A vote was then taken on the original item, resulting in twenty-two in favor and eight opposed. Nine other items were adopted.

The twentieth item recommended that more articles from missionaries be printed in the *Friend*, and review of books not strictly missionary be left out. Miss Hodgkins spoke emphatically against leaving out book reviews. Mrs. Stevens moved, and it was voted, to divide the item, and the first part was adopted. The second part, relating to book reviews, was laid on the table.

At the close of this report, Miss Butler called Mrs. Winchell, the corresponding secretary Emeritus of the Minneapolis Branch, and in a neat address made a presentation to Mrs. Winchell of a very handsome piece of Chinese embroidery as an expression of the high regard in which Mrs. Winchell is held by the members of the General Executive Committee. Mrs. Winchell accepted the token in a very tender and appropriate reply.

Miss Hodgkins represented the literature.

Mrs. Landis made local announcements and the committee adjourned by singing the doxology.

SEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

The General Executive Committee met at nine o'clock, with the president in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by the delegates of the Northwestern Branch. After the devotions, the secretary called the roll, the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Mrs. Nind made announcement of the death of Mrs. David Preston, of Detroit, for many years a devoted friend of the society. Mrs. Crandon moved, and it was carried, that a letter of sympathy be sent to the family by the secretary.

Miss Dickson, chairman of Committee on Memorials, presented sections fourteen and sixteen of the Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers, that had been re-committed, and they were adopted. The report on memorials and petitions was then adopted as a whole.

Mrs. Baldwin, chairman of Committee on Missionary Candidates, presented the names of Esther R. Henderson and Laura Temple from the New York Branch, and both were accepted.

The action of the Reference Committee, in accepting ten missionary candidates at the meeting in May, was heartily endorsed by the committee. The report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates was adopted as a whole. Mrs. Baldwin presented two items from the Candidate Committee, the first on change of by-law 5 in Requirements of Missionary Candidates, which shall read, "The age of candidates must not be less than twenty-five years, or more than thirty years. Special facility in acquiring language or call to English work may be considered sufficient reason for deviation from this rule." This item was adopted.

The second was in regard to modification of health certificate. Mrs. Crandon stated that a new medical certificate was being prepared, which would meet the conditions.

Mrs. Harvey, chairman of the Publication Committee, presented an item as a substitute for one about reports which was re-committed, which was adopted. Nine other items were presented and adopted, when the Publication Committee report was adopted as a whole. (See Report.)

Miss Hodgkins stated that the seal of the society would soon be ready and hoped it would be used on all the branch annual reports.

The matter of uniform constitutions for branches was discussed, but no action was taken. The following resolution was adopted by the General Executive Committee of 1901, and instruction given that it be inserted in the By-Laws :

All new missionaries and those returning after a five years' term of service shall have a salary which includes all expenses hitherto classed as incidentals and shall be: In Africa, \$500; Bulgaria, \$600; Central China, Foochow and Hing-Hua, \$600; North China, \$650; West China, \$450; India, \$600; \$50 additional in Bombay City for house expenses; Italy, \$600; Japan, \$700; Korea, \$700; Maylasia, \$425; Mexico, \$750; South America, \$750.

First year's salaries: \$400, where full salary is \$425, \$450 and \$500; \$500, where \$600; \$525, where \$650; \$550, where \$650, \$700 and \$750. This, according to present action, becomes a by-law.

Mrs. Huston moved that the following be inserted as No. 6 in Article 6 of Constitution under the head of Reference Committee: This committee shall hold a semi-annual meeting at such time and place as shall

be designated by the chairman and secretary. The expenses of this meeting shall be paid from the general treasury. This motion was carried.

Notice was given one year ago for a proposed change in the Constitution. In place of the words, "The payment of \$1 annually shall constitute membership," the committee giving the notice desired to have inserted the words, "The payment of ten cents a month shall constitute membership". A protest against the change came up from the Philadelphia and New York Branches, and after an expression of opinion, a vote was taken resulting in seven in favor, and twenty-three opposed. The notice of change in Article 5 to insert after Literature Committee, "Superintendent of Little Light Bearers," was laid on the table.

The following proposed changes were all adopted :

Articles first and second under Constitutional Publication Committee to remain the same, but Article third modified to read :

Article 3—All cases of emergency concerning publications arising in the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee shall be submitted to the Constitutional Publication Committee, and the case shall be decided by the majority vote.

Article 4 as Article 3. This committee shall take charge of the missionary periodicals of the society and arrange for the publication of an annual report of the work of the society, and shall have supervision of all business concerning the publications. This committee shall report annually to the General Executive Committee.

Article 5 as Article 4. Same as printed to last line, where add : "She shall report semi-annually to the Constitutional Publication Committee."

Article 6 same as Article 5. Article 7 same as Article 6.

Article 8. If the office of editor, publisher or member of Literature Committee become vacant during the year, this committee shall have power to fill the vacancy. Add to the end of Literature Committee : "And shall report semi-annually to the Constitutional Publication Committee."

In Section 5, Article I, the word "secretary" was substituted for "superintendent". A new by-law was enacted, made necessary by the Act of Incorporation.

The following Board of Managers were re-elected : Harriet B. Skidmore, Esther E. Baldwin, Mary J. Anderson, Sarah K. Cornell, Mary L. Dennler, Helen Emens, Annie R. Gracey, Anna W. Gibson, Ordella M. Hillman, Ellin J. Knowles, Caroline Leaycraft, Louise M. North, Mary A. Priest, Mary M. Queal, Susan A. Sayre, Jennie B. Spaeth, Fannie J. Sparkes.

Miss Watson nominated as secretary for the Scandinavian work Mrs. Andrew Farrell, of St. Paul, Minn., who was elected. The name of Miss L. Rothweiler was proposed for secretary of German work, to take the place made vacant by the death of Mrs. Achard. Miss Rothweiler was elected. Mrs. Farrell and Miss Rothweiler were introduced to the committee and Mrs. Farrell made a short address, asking for the sympathy and help of the committee in the work she was about to undertake.

Mrs. R. E. Clark, of Chicago, and Miss Pauline J. Walden, of Boston, were elected railroad secretaries.

The next item of business was the selection of place for the next meeting of the committee. Mrs. E. B. Stevens, secretary of the Baltimore Branch, extended an invitation to meet in the city of Baltimore, the church to be specified later. Miss Butler moved that the committee accept the invitation with thanks. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. Stevens presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

WHEREAS, Our missionary bishops, Hartzell and Warne, and our visiting bishop, Moore, have manifested great interest in the work of our society in their respective fields, carefully inspecting the same and reporting frequently to the corresponding secretaries; therefore,

Resolved, That we give expression to our appreciation of their fraternal services, gratefully acknowledging our indebtedness, and trust they will continue to grant us similar favors.

Mrs. Stevens also presented the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That no woman not elected delegate or alternate by her branch to the General Executive Committee shall be admitted as member of said committee.

The missionaries in attendance at the meeting met and passed resolutions appreciative of the kindness of friends in Minneapolis, and of the consideration of the corresponding secretaries in looking after their interests. These resolutions were read by the secretary. (See resolutions.)

The election of officers was the next item of business. Mrs. C. D. Foss, of Philadelphia, was nominated for president, Mrs. J. T. Gracey, of Rochester, N. Y., for recording secretary, and Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, of New York, for general treasurer. These officers were unanimously elected.

Mrs. Keen offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That reports presented by the various committees and individuals authorized by the General Executive Committee shall be limited to ten minutes in length of reading.

Mrs. Huston moved that all official correspondence be handed to the secretary for printing in the annual report. The motion carried.

Miss Moss, chairman of Committee on Resolutions, presented a report which was adopted. (See resolutions.)

Mrs. Cowen presented resolutions concerning the death of Mrs. Achard, which were adopted.

Mrs. Fisher moved that the finance report be deferred until one-thirty.

The motion prevailed.

A motion to adjourn was carried, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Wilsey.

CLOSING SESSION, THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The committee convened at one-thirty, with the president in the chair. Rev. Mr. Gilder, of India, conducted the opening devotional exercises. The secretary was excused from reading the minutes of the morning session.

After a short address by the president, the Finance Committee reported the appropriations for 1903, as follows :

New England Branch	.....	\$38,084.25
New York	“	71,135.00
Philadelphia	“	34,000.00
Baltimore	“	16,531.00
Cincinnati	“	52,260.00
Northwestern	“	100,000.00
Des Moines	“	50,000.00
Minneapolis	“	22,598.00
Topeka	“	25,000.00
Pacific	“	14,000.00
Columbia River	“	6,000.00

Total	\$429,608.25
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Mrs. Crandon stated that the amount appropriated was not as much as received the past year, but the difference would be made up by the thank offering fund, and by bequests.

The report of this committee closed the business of the session.

The president called upon Mrs. Mary C. Nind to conduct the closing devotions. The missionaries expecting to return to their fields during the coming year and some going out for the first time were called to seats on the platform, and twenty-one responded. Hymn 810, “Go forth, ye heralds, in My name,” was sung, and Miss Walden led in prayer. Each missionary spoke briefly of her joy in the prospect of returning to her work. After a short address by Mrs. Nind, the hymn, “Open now the crystal fountain,” was sung, and Mrs. Knowles led in a closing prayer.

The thirty-third session of the General Executive Committee adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Fiedler.

MRS. J. T. GRACEY, *Recording Secretary.*

Report of Publication Committee.

I. *Resolved*, That in the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, the *Children's Missionary Friend*, and *Frauen-Missions-Freund*, we recognize an ever-increasing power in our work. Where read, enthusiasm is not only aroused, but sustained.

We congratulate the editors who are with us to-day. We remember with appreciation and love the one who has been translated.

II. WHEREAS, We are grateful for the substantial increase in the subscriptions to our periodicals during the past year, amounting to over seven thousand,

Resolved, That we will put forth a still greater effort this year to increase the subscriptions to thirty thousand for the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, fifty thousand for the *Children's Missionary Friend*, and five thousand for *Frauen-Missions-Freund*. To this end we recommend that the plan adopted last year be continued and emphasized, which plan was as follows :

Each branch secretary of literature shall write a personal letter to each conference secretary, urging the matter of circulation, and asking that special effort be made to bring up the circulation to the figures named.

Each conference secretary shall write to each district secretary, and she in turn to each auxiliary agent for the *Friends*, such agents being requested to ask every woman in our church to take these papers. These agents, having completed the canvas should report to the district secretary, the district secretary to the conference secretary, and the conference secretary to the branch secretary of literature, who shall report to the *Friend*, thus completing the circuit.

In the branches where the office or agent of periodicals is recognized, the correspondence, as indicated above, shall be carried on by those officers rather than the secretaries named.

III. *Resolved*, That we recommend that for every ten new subscriptions or for every fifteen subscriptions, new or old, to the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, one additional copy be given, provided the entire list be sent to the publisher at one time.

IV. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the secretary of literature in every branch make special effort to introduce the *Frauen-Missions-Freund* among students of German, into all seminaries and colleges in her territory, and that it always be found on our tables of literature.

V. *Resolved*, That we recommend the re-introduction of the Department of New Organizations into the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, the report to include the name of the branch, the number of members enrolled, and the number of subscribers to our periodicals :

VI. *Resolved*, That we recommend inserting in the columns of the *Woman's Missionary Friend* a list of the wives of missionaries who are in charge of woman's foreign missionary work, to follow a list of regularly appointed missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

VII. *Resolved*, That we recommend the continuance in office of Miss Louise M. Hodgkins as editor of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, of Mrs. O. W. Scott as editor of the *Children's Missionary Friend*, and the selection of Miss A. M. Achard as editor of the *Frauen-Missions-Freund*.

VIII. *Resolved*, That the editor of the *Woman's Missionary Friend* be allowed \$50 and the editor of the *Children's Missionary Friend* \$25 for special contributions.

IX. WHEREAS, It is very important that the *Woman's Missionary Friend* keep us thoroughly in touch with our work in the foreign field,

Resolved, That we recommend the use of a larger number of articles from each of the fields where we are at work, and we request our missionaries to furnish such articles, with illustrations when possible, concerning the progress of our work, cases of conversions and growth in Christian work, which God has given us in answer to our united toil and prayers.

X. We further recommend that the following salaries be paid for the ensuing year : To the editor of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, \$700; to the editor of the *Children's Missionary Friend*, \$250 ; to the editor of the *Frauen-Missions-Freund*, \$250 ; to the publisher, \$700.

XI. *Resolved*, That we recommend that Miss Elizabeth Northup be elected editor of the *Study* at a salary of \$100 per year.

XII. *Resolved*, That we recommend an appropriation of \$50 for the editing of the Thirty-third Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and that the recording secretary, Mrs. J. T. Gracey, be continued as editor.

XIII. *Resolved*, That we recommend an edition of 6,000 copies of the Thirty-third Annual Report, the contents to be published in the same order as observed last year, with the exception that the appropriations, with the summary of the same, shall follow the official correspondence, and that the rules of pronunciation be omitted or brought up to date.

XIV. *Resolved*, That 25,000 copies of the abridged annual report

be printed; that it be paid for by the various branches and distributed as a free leaflet to auxiliaries. We recommend that a copy be sent to each pastor in our church, so far as practicable.

XV. *Resolved*, That we recommend the insertion in all branch annual reports of a table stating extremes of cost for special work, such as bible-women, orphans and scholarships.

XVI. *Resolved*, That the maps of the mission fields be retained in the annual report.

XVII. *Resolved*, That the issue of the Prayer Calendar for 1904 be at least four thousand copies.

XVIII. We recommend that the annual report and all branch reports be printed in dark blue on light-blue covers, and that the title and year be printed on the back. We recommend that Folts' Mission Institute and the periodicals of the society, the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, the *Children's Missionary Friend*, the *Frauen-Missions-Freund*, and the *Study*, be advertised on the covers of the annual and the different branch reports.

XIX. WHEREAS, At branch and district meetings literature has been sold independently,

Resolved, That only our authorized agents sell literature at such meetings.

WHEREAS, The calendar for 1903 is especially devoted to the birthdays of missionaries,

Resolved, That each branch provide calendars for its own representatives.

XX. *Resolved*, That we recommend that Mrs. Lucie F. Harrison be elected general secretary of Children's Work, including Light Bearers.

XXI. *Resolved*, That the careful and painstaking work of our publisher, Miss Walden, who during the past twenty years of faithful and efficient service has carried so cheerfully the ever-increasing burdens placed upon her, calls for an expression of gratitude from this committee. We recommend her continuance in office for another year.

XXII. *Resolved*, That with continued appreciation we express our gratitude to Mr. A. S. Weed, as auditor, for valuable service willingly given, and recommend his reappointment.

XXIII. *Resolved*, That \$100 be appropriated to be at the disposal of the Literature Committee, for use in the purchase of manuscript.

XXIV. WHEREAS, One year ago the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society decided to create a permanent scholarship fund for Folts Institute, to be raised within three years, we recommend that earnest effort be made to complete this work according to the plan already adopted, which plan is as follows: \$100 for each district of the New England, New

York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Cincinnati branches; \$100 for each conference in the Northwestern branch; \$50 for each conference in the Minneapolis, Des Moines and Topeka branches; and \$100 each for the Pacific and Columbia River branches, to be raised within three years. We further recommend that as far as practicable gifts from individuals, rather than from auxiliaries, be solicited in the raising of this fund.

XXV. *Resolved*, That we recommend the insertion in line 7, Art. VI., of the by-laws of the Executive Committee the words, "the Literature Committee" between the words "editor" and "publisher", so that the line shall read, "Reports of the Editors, Literature Committee and Publisher."

XXVI. We recommend that Section IV. of by-law VIII. be amended, by including the words, "The committee shall report to the mid-year meeting of the Constitutional Publishing Committee and to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, so that the by-laws shall read, "The Literature Committee shall be nominated by the delegates from the above sections and elected by the General Executive Committee for a term of three years on the rotation plan. The committee shall report to the mid-year meeting of the Constitutional Publication Committee and to the annual meeting and the general executive."

XXVII. We recommend that Article VIII. of Section 8 of the by-laws be amended to read: "The postage and traveling expenses of the editors of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, the *Children's Missionary Friend*, the *Frauen-Missions-Freund*, and the *Study*, of the publishers of these papers, and of members of the Literature Committee, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of these publications.

XXVIII. In response to the request for blocks for the zenana paper, we recommend that Mrs. T. B. Neely and Miss P. J. Walden be elected as a committee to supply the need.

XXIX. We recommend that the treasurer of the Minneapolis Branch be authorized to draw on the funds of the Publishing House for \$75 to be used in the interest of literature for the Scandinavian work, the same to be at the order of a committee composed of the secretary of the Minneapolis Branch and the secretary of Scandinavian work.

XXX. *Resolved*, That we appoint Mrs. Joyce to write Dr. William Henschen, editor of the *Sandebudet*, requesting him to grant us space semi-monthly for representing the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, that being the custom of our other church papers.

XXXI. We recommend that the resolution adopted last year authorizing a Field Reference Committee be incorporated as Section IV., Article 7 of the by-laws:—

Each Field Reference Committee shall be composed of such workers as each conference or mission shall elect. The duty of said Field Reference Committee shall be to consider all matters of general interest arising during the interims of their annual meetings or conferences, and to report the same to the Reference Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. No communication to the Home Reference Committee shall be considered official without the signature of the chairman or secretary of the Field Reference Committee. Said Field Reference Committee may meet at stated times, or on call, according to their discretion. A majority vote of said Reference Committee shall be binding. Any action requiring the sanction of the home authorities must be made through the Field Reference Committee. This measure is intended in no way to prevent individual presentation to home authorities, but simply to indicate and maintain the purposes of the mission or conference as a unit.

MISS CLEMENTINA BUTLER, *Chairman.*
MRS. E. L. HARVEY, *Secretary.*

Report of Literature Committee.

To the General Executive of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Mrs. C. F. Wilder and Miss Mary E. Holt, the Literature Committee, submit, through their chairman, Mrs. R. H. Pooley, the following for the year 1901-1902.

Dear Sisters: A year of remarkable success demands that we extend to you our sincere thanks for your hearty co-operation. It is said, "The Lord ever looks for co-workers, but too often He only gets on-lookers". We believe that the increase in the purchase of literature and subscriptions to our periodicals is largely due to the establishment of a vital connection with the individual, thus transforming the on-looker into a co-worker and proving anew that "Knowledge is the true and substantial basis of an interest in missions" and "The zeal that rises to the level of consecration is the zeal according to knowledge". The office of literature as a missionary force in evangelization, both at home and abroad, was fully understood by the heathen man who rejected the invitation of the Gospel in these words, "No, I do not wish to become a reader". For him to read was acknowledged allegiance to Christ; for women to read is acknowledged interest in missions.

Upon entering the second year under the present regime it was unfortunate that of necessity two of the committee were new; yet the willingness, interest, courage and ability exhibited by them is apparent in the results in both the eastern and western sections.

The field for this committee is opening so fast that already we feel as if the impetus came from without (*i. e.*, the literature work itself,) and not from within (*i. e.*, the Literature Committee).

Our first thought was how best to aid the various secretaries of literature in their branches; hence the issue of the leaflets, "*Instructions for Secretaries of Literature*," and "*Questions for Each Auxiliary to Answer*".

At the commencement of this year each member of the Literature Committee made herself or her secretaries of literature responsible for telling notices of our literature in all papers to which she might have access within her section or branch. Each branch depot of supplies was requested to furnish (free) samples of all new leaflets or other material issued by the Literature Committee to their branch secretary of literature that she may with knowledge advertise.

In accordance with the resolution concerning the "exhibition and sale of our literature", found on page 22 of the general executive report, your committee prepared an exhibit for the Student Volunteer convention and interdenominational meeting held in Toronto, Canada. Free leaflets were distributed at the interdenominational meeting. The various meetings in our own country have been cared for by the different branches, that at Silver Bay, New York, by New York Branch, and that at Cleveland, Ohio, by Cincinnati Branch. Most excellent results have followed these exhibits.

PERIODICALS.—Since a resolution of the Publication Committee of last year urging an increase in subscriptions to our periodicals placed somewhat of responsibility upon the branch secretaries of literature, your chairman took pleasure in writing a personal letter to these various secretaries, requesting immediate and earnest effort. We believe that these consecrated agents for our periodicals have greater joy in the total increase of 7,169 subscriptions to our various monthly issues because they had a little share in the hard work. (See report of publisher and editors.) A Scotchman at the Ecumenical said: "How to make missionary periodicals prosper and secure their being read is the problem and almost the despair of committees." We trust we are commencing to solve the problem; we have not reached our goal, but we must press on.

Our worthy editor of the *Woman's Missionary Friend* has kindly given this committee a column, and oftentimes a page, for special news from this department. We trust the words from various pens have served a good purpose.

Many thanks are due the editor for her voluntary care of the above during the summer months.

THE READING COURSE. — The prescribed three-year course being completed, the following was outlined as the only reading receiving a certificate for the year 1902: *Woman's Missionary Friend*, 50 cents; "*Via Christi*," An Introduction to the Study of Missions, by Louise Manning Hodgkins; holiday edition, 60 cents; cloth cover, 50 cents; paper, 30 cents; "*Triumphs of the Cross*," by Grace Stephens, Superintendent Methodist Episcopal Zenana Mission, Madras, India; paper, 25 cents; Ecumenical Missionary Conference, New York, 1900; two volumes, \$1.50. Including *Friend*, total cost, \$2.55.

Appreciating the necessity of having the prescribed books in the hands of our constituency earlier than heretofore, the committee has already notified every secretary of literature of the work as outlined for 1903. We present to you a unique course, each book fresh from the press, prepared by a woman and bearing upon the subject of our interdenominational study, India. We place first and foremost our *Woman's*

Missionary Friend, 50 cents; "*Lux Christi*," An Outline Study of India, A Twilight Land, by Caroline Atwater Mason; cloth cover, 50 cents; paper, 30 cents; "*Mosaics From India*," by Margaret B. Denning, many years a missionary in India, \$1.25; cheaper binding, \$1.00; "*William Buller*," the Founder of Two Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by his daughter, \$1.00. Including *Friend*, total cost, \$2.80. Two hundred and thirty-six persons have been reported by name as having completed the course for 1902.

THE CALENDAR.—Again we present to you a calendar, the fourth in our history, new in outline, cover and material, though retaining the same form. A calendar of birthdays of our missionaries in active service, as well as our leading officers, editors, and so forth, is a calendar long to be remembered, not only for the detailed work involved but for the many quotations from the pens of our gifted literary women still active in missionary service. The calendar months were prepared as usual by editors elected by the various branches, and the whole re-edited, for uniformity's sake, by Miss Mary E. Holt, who willingly and efficiently relieved the chairman during her critical illness. We believe that the monthly topics as selected from Galatians 5-22 will aid the spiritual life of every purchaser. Let not a single auxiliary, as occurred this last year, report, "We do not own a calendar". The sales warranted an issue of a thousand more for the year 1903.

LESSON TOPICS.—In correspondence with Mrs. O. W. Scott, who prepares the topics for the children's lessons, and by consultation with Mrs. M. S. Budlong, editor of the *Study*, your chairman outlined the Lesson Topics as found in the October *Friend*. Many suggestions were received too late for service this year. We were disappointed to find that the advance chapter divisions of "*Lux Christi*," as sent to your committee, did not correspond with the chapters of "*Lux Christi*" as now printed; and since our topics must be prepared in July, it is impossible to have the book in hand. Please note that the lessons for the months of February, March, April, September, October and November will correspond with the six chapters of "*Lux Christi*". The phenomenal success of the study of our text-book, "*Via Christi*," is found in the sales of our depots of supplies, every branch having taken up the work with vigor. Total volumes sold, including the Boston office, 8,414, the largest number being sold in Northwestern Branch, 1,811.

LEAFLETS.—In accord with the request from the Constitutional Publication Committee, the leaflet, "*Our Machinery*," by Mrs. A. N. Fisher, was revised and issued in new form, and the leaflets requested for South America, "*The Land of the Incas*" and "*South America as a Mission Field*", were prepared by Mrs. A. H. Eaton, from an article by Dr.

Thomas B. Wood. One story has been issued, entitled, "*The Woman Who Gave Herself*," by Elizabeth Cheney, reprinted from the *Friend* according to request from the New York Branch. "*A Call to Young Women*," by Miss Isabella Thoburn, was a reprint. "*One Summer Day in India*," by Miss Helen Ingram, has been published. A request from Dr. J. F. Berry elicited the following resolution from the corresponding secretaries, at their mid-year meeting :—"Resolved, That the Constitutional Publication Committee request the Literature Committee to prepare a suitable manual for the W. F. M. S.:—that we issue 10,000 copies, of which 5,000 may be sent to the office of the *Epworth Herald* for free distribution among the Epworth Leagues." Six thousand copies of this booklet, "*Amid Our Work*," have been delivered at the office of the *Epworth Herald*. Many thanks are due Miss Frances J. Baker for the preparation of this booklet and the assistance rendered your chairman in her time of extremity. The leaflets to accompany the Lesson Topics were: "*Leaflet Report*," by Mrs. J. T. Gracey, "*The Vision of Oswald*," by Mrs. M. A. P. Stansbury, "*Our Work in Mexico*," by Mrs. John W. Butler, and "*The Story of the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering*," by Mrs. C. S. Winchell. When we make a new venture, as in the issue of the "*Drill on the Executive Report*," we quote with great satisfaction from a most enterprising branch chairman of literature :—"Of all the leaflets issued this year none has met with greater success in the experience of your committee than those entitled "*A Drill on the Executive Report*" and "*Helpful Hints*," by our keen, aggressive Miss Frances Baker. The "*Drill*" proved a searchlight, and its use in a meeting frequently discovered how little attention had been paid to the executive report. Notwithstanding the consternation it produced, we hope for another leaflet of the same kind next year." The Pioneer Series, by Mrs. O. W. Scott, has been continued in the issue of No. 3, "*Adoniram Judson*" ; No. 4, "*Robert Morrison*" ; and No. 5, "*Melinda Rankin*". We expect the completion of the series in the near future.

A much needed leaflet was prepared by Miss Agnes McAllister on "*The Women of Liberia*". We are sure you will give our latest booklet, "*Glimpses of the W. F. M. S. Girls' Boarding School, Peking*," a most hearty welcome. It is full of illustrations, and was prepared by Mrs. Charlotte M. Jewell. "*A Missionary Game of Photographs*," by Mrs. Mary Warren Ayars, will be found very instructive as well as entertaining.

The Little Light Bearers have this year received their first official recognition in the circulation of the following delightful helps :—"Why Be a Little Light Bearer?" by Caroline F. Smith ; "*Christian Motherhood*," by Alice P. McKinstry ; "*Motherhood in Heathen Lands*," by

Clara M. Cushman; "*Little Light Bearer*," a poem, by Mrs. J. H. Knowles; "*Only a Baby Small*," selected.

The following: "*Little Light Bearer Echoes*," "*Beginning in the Cradle*," "*Hints on Best Methods*," "*Childhood in Heathen Lands*," "*Little Light Bearer Circulars*," "*Little Light Bearer Program*," "*An Appeal to Auxiliaries*," and "*Record Book*" were prepared by Mrs. Lucie F. Harrison.

Owing to demand, the following leaflets have been reprinted:—"*Our Proportion*," "*Umbrellas to Lend*," "*Mrs. Pickett's Mite-Box*," "*No Room*," "*Japan*," (Flag Series), "*China*," (Flag Series), "*Haystack Prayer Meeting*," "*He Saveth to the Uttermost*," "*Wanted: Only a Woman's Hand*," "*Medical Missionaries*," "*Missionary Recitation*," "*How Chinese Children Worship*," "*Tell Me His Name*," "*Hindu Darkness*."

BRANCH PUBLICATIONS.—It is with pleasure we note that, in compliance with a resolution on page 38 of the thirty-second annual report, no books have been published by any branch. One piece of music, entitled, "*What Will It Matter, Dearest?*" was issued by Northwestern Branch. There have been distributed this year 21,257 copies of branch annual reports, with a total of 2,187,320 pages. Four of these were distributed free and seven sold at the nominal price of ten cents each. Two four-page branch quarterlies have been issued: Minneapolis *Quarterly*, with an issue of 750 per quarter, total issue, 3,000, total pages, 24,000; Cincinnati *Quarterly*, with an issue of 1,200 per quarter, one of the quarterlies being six pages, making a total issue of 4,800 copies and total pages, 21,600.

The leaflet report by branches is yet very incomplete. *New England*: One 4 pp. leaflet, "*How Our Helpers Help*," 5,000 copies, 20,000 pages; 4 pp. Thank-Offering Leaflet, "*According to His Benefits*," 8,000 copies, 32,000 pages. *Baltimore Branch*:—4 pp. "*Story of Little Light Bearer*," 3,000 copies, 12,000 pages; 4 pp. "*Quarterly Report*," 300 copies, 1,200 pages; 4 pp. "*Easter Appeal*," 4,500 copies, 18,000 pages; "*Imperative Necessity*," 5,000 copies, 20,000 pages; 2 pp. "*Picture*," 5,000 copies, 10,000 pages; 1 p. "*Easter*," 4,000 copies. *Cincinnati Branch*:—4 pp. "*An Appeal*," 5,000 copies, 20,000 pages; 4 pp. poem, "*The Master's Work-Women*," 1,000 copies, 4,000 pages; 4 pp. "*Tribute to Isabella Thoburn*," 2,800 copies, 11,200 pages; 10 pp. "*Missionary Drill*," 1,000 copies, 10,000 pages. *Northwestern Branch*:—4 pp. "*Thank-Offering Appeal*," 15,000 copies, 60,000 pages; 3 pp. leaflet on "*Kolar*," 10,000 copies, 30,000 pages; 4 pp. "*Standard Bearer Leaflets*," Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 10,000 copies each, 120,000 pages; Poem, "*A Lady*," 10,000 pages. *Minneapolis Branch*:—6 pp. "*The Charlotte S. Winchell Home*," 1,000

copies, 6,000 pages. *Columbia River Branch*:—4 pp. "*Standard Bearer Leaflet*," 2,000 copies, 8,000 pages. Total pages of leaflets, 407,200.

GERMAN LITERATURE.—Annual reports, 4,000 copies, 128,000 pages; 2 pp. letter from Miss Nicolaisen, 2,000 copies, 4,000 pages; "*They Have Done What They Could*," 2,500 copies, 20,000 pages; "*Special Work*," (compiled by Miss L. C. Rothweiler), 1,000 copies, 8,000 pages; "*Co-Heirs*," 1,000 copies, 4,000 pages; "*Manual*," 6,000 copies, 24,000 pages; "*Standard Bearer Pledge Cards*," 6,000 copies, do. "*Leaflet No. 1*," 1,000 copies, 4,000 pages; a poem, "*Two Pictures*," 200 copies, 800 pages; "*Questions and Answers*" (concerning the history of the W. F. M. S., 2,000 copies, 16,000 pages; "*A House But No Home*," 4,000 copies, 32,000 pages; Mite-Boxes, 1,975. More attention was given to German literature than ever before, with eminent success.

LITERATURE FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD.—In accordance with the Publication Committee of last year, a new departure has been made, in that your chairman has entered into correspondence with all the mission fields concerning the literature prepared upon the foreign field by women for women. Eager and appreciative have been the letters from the far lands. Many sample copies of women's conference reports, Sunday School papers, leaflets, and so forth, were found in the exhibit room.

China:—Foochow conference publishes a monthly paper for women and girls, a monthly romanized paper for women, both in the colloquial dialect, while a weekly Sunday school lesson paper, edited by Mrs. Emma Nind Lacy, is published for the children. Two women's conferences publish minutes of their proceedings.

India:—The Zenana paper is published in five dialects. (See report of Zenana Paper.) Three districts issue minutes in the vernacular for the women; while five conferences issue reports of their proceedings. Korea publishes a report of her woman's conference.

Japan:—A most delightful letter, explanatory of the leaflets, accompanied the following report from Miss Georgiana Baucus:—

Literature published October, 1901-September, 1902:—Booklets: "*The Grub and the Dragon-Fly*," 3 editions, 12 pp., 1,000 copies; "*The Butterfly's Request*," 2 editions, 15 pp., 1,000 copies; "*The Proud Grain of Rice*," 2 editions, 22 pp., 1,000 copies; "*The Bee Strike*," 1 edition, 19 pp., 1,000 copies; "*Parables of Nature*," 1 edition, 71 pp., 1,000 copies; "*The Lord's Supper*," 2 editions, 22 pp., 1,000 copies; "*The Lord's Prayer*," 1 edition, 15 pp., 2,000 copies; "*Joseph's Father*," 1 edition, 41 pp., 1,000 copies; "*English Catalogue*," 14 pp., 600 copies; "*Japanese Catalogue*," 14 pp., 630 copies. Total, 10,230 copies.

Leaflets:—"The Invisible God," 3 editions, 6 pp., 5,000 copies; "*Not a Sinner*," 1 edition 7 pp., 5,000 copies; "*The Gospel in Ideograph*," 2 editions, 1 p., 5,000 copies; "*Taikyō Dendo*," 1 edition, 22 pp., 4,000

copies; "*Christmas Song Leaflet*," No. 2, 3 pp., 500 copies; "*Christmas Gifts*," 2 editions, 7 pp., 2,000 copies. Total, 21,500 copies. Total pages of booklets and leaflets, 423,720.

Cards:—"Jesus at Twelve" (single), 3,000 copies; "Cross and Crown" (four-leaved), 2,000 copies; "No Evil" (folio), 3,000 copies; "Without Spot" (folio), 2,000 copies; "Golden Rules for Christians" (folio), 3,000 copies; Name or Place Cards, in five designs, 5,000 copies; Bible Book-marks, with blanks for notices, 5,000 copies; "Noshi," or Gift-markers, 3,000 copies; Temperance Cards (folio), 5,000 copies; Promise Cards (Rainbow Series), 49,000 copies; Railway Cards, 20,000 copies. Total, 100,000 copies.

Increase in subscriptions to the *Tokiwa*;—Issued in September, 1898, 300 copies; in September, 1899, 350 copies; in September, 1900, 400 copies; in September, 1901, 550 copies; in September, 1902, 725 copies. In addition to the above, fifty extra copies are printed monthly, to issue as bound volumes.

Japan also issues a Woman's Conference Report, and the *Kwassui Quarterly*.

Leaflets issued from Oct. 1, 1901, to Oct. 1, 1902:—New Leaflets, 134,000 copies, 1 628,000 pages; Little Light Bearer's Leaflets, 55,600 copies, 203,200 pages; Reprints, 66,000 copies, 482,000 pages; German Leaflets, 29,700, copies, 236,800 pages; Japan Leaflets and Cards, 131,730 copies, 523,720 pages; Branch Leaflets, 141,657 copies, 2,639,120 pages (a very meagre report); Total copies, 558,687; total pages, 5,712,840.

Six hundred auxiliaries responded to the call for sample programs; 194 branch, quarterly, district, camp and conference meetings were held, at which the literature sales amounted to \$1,237.49, an increase of \$965.85. The total sales of literature at Depots of Supplies were \$8,137.68, an increase of \$2,888.06. The total number of mite boxes sent out this year was 37,381, an increase of 16,603. Sixty-eight cities were reported as having libraries paying special attention to missionary books and periodicals. Over 1,000,000 pages of literature have been distributed free. Ten new names of writers of merit have been reported. Fifteen hundred auxiliaries are reported as using the Monthly Lesson Topics outlined by the Literature Committee.

Many thanks are due the devoted writers for this department, as only \$26 was expended for manuscripts.

Our treasurer reports a net balance of \$523.51.

It is recorded that one of the Pharaohs of Egypt built a great library at Thebes, over the door of which he had inscribed, "Dispensary for the Soul." May we be as wise as the old Egyptian and make use of the medicine for our souls, thus helping to answer the prayer, "Grant us in this world knowledge of Thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting."

Report of Committee on Missionary Candidates.

The applications and endorsements of the following missionary candidates were received and accepted by the committee :

New York Branch — Minerva Gutthaffel, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Helen Robinson, Bombay, India; Mabel Davison, Tokio, Japan; Esther R. Henderson, Herkimer, N. Y.; Laura Temple, Hoboken, N. J.; B. Alexander, Prince Edward's Island, Newfoundland.

Northwestern Branch — Lou Frances Passmore, Chicago, Ill.

Minneapolis Branch — Annie Mary Zimmerman, Spring Valley, Minn.

Topeka Branch — Dr. Mary B. Tuttle, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Winifred Spaulding, Kansas City, Kansas.

Accepted by Reference Committee during year :

New England Branch — Miss Edith T. Swift, Newtonville, Mass.

Philadelphia Branch — Miss Sarah B. Turner, Pittsburg, Pa.

Baltimore Branch — Miss Maud E. Soper, Tokio, Japan.

Cincinnati Branch — Miss Lotta McHose, Delaware, Ohio.

Northwestern Branch — Miss Thirza M. Pierce, Bartlett, Ill.

Des Moines Branch — Miss Mabel Sia, Foochow, China; Miss Bertha M. Beard, Indianola, Iowa; Miss Rose M. Pyne, Vinton, Iowa; Miss Susannah M. Stumpf, Ottumwa, Iowa; Miss Joah Davis, Fayette, Iowa.

We heartily endorse the action of the Committee of Reference.

MRS. S. L. BALDWIN, *Chairman*.

MRS. F. J. MASTERS, *Secretary*.

Resolutions of Reference Committee.

In view of the dearth of missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India,

Resolved, That we respectfully memorialize Bishops Thoburn and Warne not to appoint any of our missionaries to open new work, or to go to new stations.

Resolved, That the Committee on Property Titles, Mrs. C. D. Foss and Mrs. W. B. Davis, be authorized to revise the list of property values as published in the annual report.

Resolved, That any balance from interest pledged for Peking borrowed fund be applied on Rosario building.

IN MEMORIAM—MRS. ACHARD.

Eight years ago there came into the sisterhood of corresponding secretaries a gentle, cultured, intelligent co-worker in the person of Mrs. Ph. Jacoby Achard, who had been for four years editor of the *German Friend*. We have kept sweet company all these years of service, and while bowing in humble submission to the will of the Heavenly Father in removing her from us, we wish to record our sense of loss, not only as a committee, but as sisters in the Lord; therefore,

Resolved, That in the translation of Mrs. Achard, we, as members of the Committee of Secretaries, recognize the will of our Father, who is "too wise to err, too good to be unkind," and bow in humble submission to that will. We pray that on her co-workers may fall a double portion of her spirit.

Resolved, That to the German sisterhood we express our appreciation of the work she did for them and for our Father, through this society.

Resolved, That to the bereaved family of our sister we extend our tenderest sympathy and earnestly pray the God of all comfort to abide with them.

Resolutions of Missionaries.

We, the missionaries present at the thirty-third annual session of the General Executive Committee, desire to place on record our warm appreciation of the motherly love and kindness shown to us in word and deed by the secretaries of our respective branches.

The thoughtful care which supplies all our need and the large-hearted sympathy shown us under all circumstances, at home or on the field, are constant causes for wonder and gratitude.

We can only feel that God, in His infinite tenderness, has implanted this love in their hearts for our comfort and encouragement.

We wish hereby to assure them that the nobleness of their characters, and their untiring devotion to the cause which we represent, have led us prayerfully to resolve that we will in all things strive to be worthy of the love they bear us and the confidence they place in us.

Signed :

ANNIE NEWTON BUDDEN, *India.*

ANNA V. BING, *Japan.*

CARRIE M. PURDY, *Mexico.*

IDA MAY BOWNE, *Italy.*

LYDIA A. TRIMBLE, *China.*

We, the missionaries present at the thirty-third annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, feel that the friends in Minneapolis have entertained us in such an exceptionally royal manner that we desire personally to offer them our hearty thanks. They have not only given us every comfort and convenience in their own homes, but have also provided car fare, trolley rides and other pleasures, which have added much to the happy memories of our stay in their city.

Signed :

FANNIE A. PERKINS, *Burma.*

FRANCES CRAIG, *Calcutta.*

CLARA E. MERRILL, *China.*

FANNY G. WILSON, *Japan.*

IDA MAY BOWNE, *Italy.*

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

We, the members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in executive committee assembled, hereby publicly acknowledge the wonderful blessings which have crowned our work during the past year, and enabled us to come with rejoicing to this annual feast, bearing our gift of \$478,236 to place upon the altar for the work of the Lord. We return thanks unto Him, where is "the wisdom and the might and the power".

Resolved, That we solemnly pledge ourselves to renewed consecration and effort for the coming year.

Resolved, That we gratefully recognize the efficient services of our president, Mrs. C. D. Foss, whose firm but gracious ruling has guided us through the session, and of our recording secretary, Mrs. J. T. Gracey, to whose exactness we are indebted for the accuracy and completeness of our annual report, and of our missionaries, who have contributed so largely to the enthusiasm of the session.

WHEREAS, Our loving and all-wise Father has during the past year called from labor to reward so many of our representatives and loyal supporters; therefore,

Resolved, That while we are grieved over the blow to the work caused by the sudden death of Miss Delia L. Fuller, who had so courageously carried the work alone at Sironcha, India, we rejoice that she now sees "face to face" Him for whom she gave fifteen years of such faithful service.

Resolved, That the noble end of the devoted life of Dr. Lilian Harris, of Korea, most beautifully exemplifies the words, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends," as she did for her Korean sister. We extend to the afflicted parents our tenderest sympathy.

Resolved, That we sincerely mourn over the great loss we experience in the death of Miss Mary DeF. Loyd; that we recognize the effectiveness of her seventeen years of labor in Mexico City. Always an apt scholar, she has completed her course and won her reward. May God's consoling grace sustain her aged parents in this sore bereavement.

Resolved, That while our hearts are saddened by her early departure, yet we can rejoice over the triumphant translation of Josephine Mekkelson. Her plea was, "Let Africa not be given up. Here are precious

souls. I am so glad you let me come." All was "light, glorious light," as she entered the eternal city. We extend our deepest sympathy to the brave mother, who writes: "If I had other daughters I would give them to the work."

Resolved, That we will hold in continual remembrance the years of devoted service for India of Mrs. Anna Jones Thoburn, wife of our beloved Bishop Thoburn, whom God has so recently taken to Himself. Also, that we assure her bereaved husband and children that we suffer with them in this night of sorrow.

Resolved, That while we mourn, there can be no grief for one whose "Heimgang" was so victorious as that of our sister Mrs. Ph. Achard, who for thirteen years has been editor of the *Frauen-Missions-Freund* and superintendent of the German work. The Comforter, who sustained the mother in the varied experiences of her long and useful life, will give consolation to her loved ones.

Resolved, That we share in the grief which has come to the home of our co-laborer, Mrs. E. E. Baldwin. We mourn the departure from earthly activities of our brother beloved, faithful friend and wise counselor, Dr. S. L. Baldwin.

Resolved, That we hereby express our sincere appreciation of the unusual character of the labor put forth for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society by the Rev. Wm. E. Curtis, of Penang. Truly he gave his life for our work. For the sorrowing wife we pray the strengthening presence of the best Friend.

Resolved, That we sympathize with Mrs. H. G. Appenzeller, of Korea, in the great and sudden affliction which has come to her in the loss of her devoted husband. May the presence of the highest sustain her.

Resolved, That we greatly appreciate the rest and comfort made possible to our missionaries during the past year by Mrs. Henry Foster's gift of a free bed in the Clifton Springs Sanitarium. We renew our sincere thanks for this kind provision.

Resolved, That we regret the necessity which has compelled Mrs. M. S. Budlong to resign her position as editor of the *Study*, and we express our appreciation of her valuable work, which has resulted in bringing the *Study* to a high degree of excellence.

WHEREAS, Mrs. L. A. Alderman, for more than twenty-four years secretary of the New England Branch, who has seen its growth from the day of small things to its present vigorous condition, has been obliged to pass the burden of the work into other hands; therefore,

Resolved, That we congratulate her on the honorable record of loving, unselfish service, and the New England Branch that they still have the wise council and coöperation of this devoted servant of God.

Resolved, That we welcome her successor, Miss M. E. Holt, and pray that her work may prove equally effective.

Resolved, That, while we prize the ancient banners which for many years have led victorious hosts, we are indebted to the ladies of the Minneapolis Branch for their freshened appearance in their new dress.

Resolved, That we express our gratitude for the hospitality so generously shown us, to the trustees of Wesley Church for the use of their beautiful edifice, so well adapted to our needs; to the pastor, Dr. James Montgomery, not only for his words of hearty welcome, but for his daily attendance at our sessions and his willing assistance whenever called upon; and to the chairman of the music committee, the organist and soloists for their valuable help in our public services.

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to the various local committees for their unflagging zeal in executing the many details which have contributed so largely to the successful conduct of this meeting. We acknowledge our deep indebtedness to Mrs. Mary C. Landis and her aides for their many acts of kindness. We would especially mention the committee of reception, whose duties extended through so many weary hours, the committee on luncheon, who made possible so much social enjoyment as we partook daily of the dainty food prepared for us; Mr. Bontell and the Minneapolis dry goods store, who so tastefully furnished our much needed rest room; the ushers and pages who were ever ready to serve us; those who provided the fragrant flowers and the beautiful decorations which have added so greatly to our pleasure; and the sexton.

Resolved, That we most cordially acknowledge the courtesy of the Commercial Club of Minneapolis, whereby we enjoyed the delightful ride through the Twin Cities; received our beautiful badge pins and were presented with the fine pictorial booklets. We return our hearty thanks for these favors.

Resolved, That we are grateful indeed to the ladies of St. Paul district, who so pleasantly received us at the home of Mrs. George H. Hillman, in St. Paul; and to Mrs. Joyce for the delightful evening of social converse made possible by her hospitality.

Resolved, That we hereby thank the railroad secretaries for the excellent arrangements they were able to make for reduced fares; also for the special car provided by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to Mr. Werring of the new store for the secretaries' tables.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to the representatives of the press, who have so carefully reported our proceedings.

MISS CLEMENTINA BUTLER,
MRS. E. L. HARVEY,
MISS KATE E. MOSS.

Report of Committee on Children's Work.

The committee appointed by the General Executive Committee in Philadelphia in November, 1901, to prepare a plan for Children's Work in connection with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, desires to submit the following report :

We recommend for universal adoption by all the branches the following items ;

Name.—King's Heralds.

Badge.—A silver trumpet with the monogram K H in blue.

Colors.—Silver and blue.

Watchword.—Loyalty.

Motto.—The King's Business Requireth Haste.

Message.—Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Benediction.—Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

Mite-Box.—A mite-box in silver and blue, uniform in design, shall be furnished at head-quarters or by each branch if desired.

Pledge.—

I pledge to give and work and pray
To send the Gospel o'er sea,
That heathen children soon may know
That God loves them as He loves me.

Officers.—We recommend the following : A general secretary of Children's Work, to superintend also the Department of Little Light Bearers, who shall be elected by the General Executive Committee, shall attend the sessions of that body and present an annual report. A secretary of Children's Work in each branch, the branch secretaries and the general secretary of Children's Work to compose the Advisory Board. We also recommend a department of this work in every auxiliary, supervised by a woman who shall see that the children in her church are properly organized for our missionary work.

Duties.—The general secretary of Children's Work shall supervise the entire work and report annually to the General Executive Committee; she shall also serve as the chairman of the Advisory Board. Each branch secretary of Children's Work shall further the work in her branch,

through the regular conference and district secretaries. She shall see that the work is represented at her annual branch meeting and shall report quarterly to the branch corresponding secretary and the general secretary of Children's Work.

The department of children's work in the local auxiliary shall see that prompt quarterly reports be sent to the district secretary; that the money is promptly sent to the conference or branch treasurers; and that an interesting monthly program is provided for the children.

Organizations.—1. We recommend the organizing of King's Heralds wherever possible.

2. Where organization is impracticable, arrangements should be made for regular and definite work whereby the children shall become interested in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Special Work.—1. We recommend that each year the Reference Committee, in the May meeting, in conference with the general secretary of Children's Work, select some special object to be assigned to the children and that all branches, as far as practicable, include it in their appropriations and loyally unite in it.

2. We recommend that such money raised by the children be reported quarterly to the editor of the *Children's Missionary Friend* by the branch treasurers.

Magazine.—1. We recommend that the *Children's Missionary Friend* be made the official organ of the King's Heralds; that the branch secretary of Children's Work shall have general oversight of the circulation of the paper in her branch, and shall send to the editor such reports as shall satisfactorily represent the work of the children in her branch.

2. We strongly recommend that the *Children's Missionary Friend* be enlarged to sixteen pages to allow room for the additional reports demanded by our increased work.

3. We recommend that special effort be made by the local chairman of Children's Work to introduce the *Children's Missionary Friend*, the only foreign missionary paper for children published by our Methodist Episcopal Church, into the Sunday Schools, to be distributed on Missionary Sunday.

Constitution.—We recommend the following constitution for the King's Heralds :

Article I. *Name*.—This organization shall be called the King's Heralds of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and be under the supervision of the auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the said church, if any exist; otherwise under the especial supervision of the district secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Article II. *Object*.—The object of this organization shall be to pro-

mote missionary intelligence and interest among the children and to aid in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Article III. *Membership*.—Any child between the ages of eight and fourteen may become a King's Herald by the payment of two cents a month. The payment of ten dollars shall constitute a child's life membership.

Article IV. *Officers*.—The officers of this organization shall be a superintendent, president, two vice-presidents, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer and agent for the *Children's Missionary Friend*.

Article V.—*Meetings*.—Meetings of this organization shall be held on the of each month. The officers shall be elected semi-annually, at the September and March meetings.

Article VI. *Badge*.—The badge of this organization shall be a silver button with "King's Heralds" in blue lettering.

BY-LAWS.

1. The superintendent shall have general oversight of the organization.

2. The president shall preside at the meetings.

3. The vice-presidents shall preside in the absence of the president in the order of their election.

4. The recording secretary shall see that proper notice is given of the meetings of the organization, and shall keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting.

5. The corresponding secretary shall promptly report the organization and names of life members to the district secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and also to the editor of the *Children's Missionary Friend*; conduct the correspondence of the organization; fill the blanks or quarterly reports and return the same to the district secretary on or before the of

6. The treasurer shall collect the dues of each member, keeping a book account, and shall send the money to the conference or branch treasurer, not later than the of

7. The agent for the *Children's Missionary Friend* shall see that subscriptions for the paper are secured and renewed at the right time, and forward with the money to the publishers of the paper.

8. This constitution and by-laws may be amended at the annual meeting of the branch.

Reports.—We recommend the adoption of the following system of reports :

The local secretary shall report quarterly to the district secretary. The district secretary shall report quarterly to the conference secretary. The conference secretary shall report quarterly to the branch secretary of Children's Work. The branch secretary of Children's Work shall report quarterly to the branch corresponding secretary and the general secretary of Children's Work.

Expenses.—We recommend that the expenses of the office of general secretary of Children's Work be met from the treasury of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

(NOTE.—In places where the Little Light Bearers do not exist, the age limit may be changed.)

Report of Memorial Committee.

YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK AND STANDARD BEARERS.

WHEREAS, Since its introduction the Standard Bearer movement has proved very popular and successful ; and

WHEREAS, Its growth has been so rapid, branching out in various ways and in different localities to meet a variety of needs, that the time has come when some uniform method of work must be agreed upon ; in response to memorials received from several Branches, the following plan is recommended for adoption.

1. There shall be a general secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers, who shall be elected by the General Executive Committee, attend the sessions of that body and present an annual report.

2. There shall be a secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers in each branch, who shall be elected at the branch annual meeting.

3. Wherever desired, each conference may have a secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers.

4. Wherever desired, each district may have a secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers.

5. Names.—The members of this organization may be known as Standard Bearers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Each local group may be called a Company of Standard Bearers. Each district group may be called a Battalion of Standard Bearers. Each conference group of one thousand may be called a Regiment of Standard Bearers. Each branch group may be called a Division of Standard Bearers. The general movement may be known as The Royal Army of Standard Bearers.

6. Organizations.—Companies of Standard Bearers shall be divided into two classes : Organized and contributing.

7. Wherever possible the companies of Standard Bearers shall be organized under the following constitution :

CONSTITUTION FOR YOUNG WOMAN'S AND STANDARD BEARER AUXILIARIES.

Article I. *Name*.—This organization shall be known as Standard Bearers of auxiliary of the branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and subject to its constitution. *

* Wherever Y. W. F. M. S. or some other name than Standard Bearers is in use, it may be retained, if desired.

Article II. *Object*.—It shall be the object of this organization to arouse an interest in foreign missions among young people and to raise money to aid the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Article III. *Membership*.—Section 1.—Young women may become members by signing the following pledge: "In remembrance of our Father's love and in loyalty to the great commission of our King, I will give five cents a month as dues to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to aid in sending the Gospel to the Christless millions."

Sec. 2.—Young men may become honorary members upon the same conditions.

Sec. 3.—Any person desiring to aid in the work of the organization may become a contributing member by paying not less than five cents monthly.

Article IV. *Age Limit*.—Standard Bearers shall be fourteen years of age or over.*

*When children's organizations do not exist, the age limit does not apply.

Article V. *Officers*.—The officers of this organization shall be a president, two vice-presidents, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer and mite-box superintendent, who shall be elected at the annual meeting in and shall constitute an executive committee to administer the affairs of the organization.

Article VI. *Meetings*.—The regular meetings of this organization shall be held on the of each month.

Article VII. *Badge*.—The badge of this organization shall be the Church Pennant pin. The badge should not be worn by any person not paying dues.

BY-LAWS.

1. The president shall have general supervision over the work of the organization and preside at its meetings.

2. The vice-presidents shall preside in the absence of the president in the order of their election.

3. The recording secretary shall give due notice of all meetings and keep accurate minutes of the same.

4. The corresponding secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the organization and report to the district secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society not later than the of giving such items of information as will enable her to judge correctly of the condition of the organization. She shall solicit and forward subscriptions to the *Woman's Missionary Friend*.

5. The treasurer shall collect the membership dues and hold in trust the funds of the organization, keeping a book account and making a quarterly remittance to the conference treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society not later than No money contributed by the organization can be used for any other purpose than for the objects designated in the constitution.

6. The mite-box superintendent shall introduce mite-boxes among the young people of the church, collect and report the money to the local treasurer.

7. There shall be a standing committee on programs to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for monthly meetings.

8. This constitution and by-laws may be amended at the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee.

9. Companies of Standard Bearers not organized into auxiliaries shall have a secretary and treasurer appointed by the organizer at the time of enlistment. The organizer shall fill out and forward to the district secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and to the conference secretary of Young Women's Work and Standard Bearers an enlistment blank. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the pledge cards and list of members, to report quarterly to the district secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to receive and distribute letters and helps, and in every possible way to increase and deepen the interest in the work.

It shall be the duty of the treasurer to collect the dues and all other funds and forward them quarterly to the conference treasurer of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

10. Wherever possible, the secretary and treasurer shall arrange for a quarterly missionary meeting, at which news from the Standard Bearer missionary may be given, a missionary program rendered and new members solicited.

11. The support of a special missionary may be assigned to each conference having one thousand Standard Bearers and the dues of the Standard Bearers shall be appropriated to the support of these missionaries. The Standard Bearers shall be privileged to apply the mite-box money and all other funds raised by the organization to any work of the

branch which they may desire, with the consent of the branch corresponding secretary.

12. A uniform, inexpensive mite-box in the Standard Bearer colors may be provided by each branch.

13. The following systems of reports shall be used: The secretary of the local company shall report quarterly to the district secretary of the W. F. M. S., who shall forward the same to the district secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers to her conference secretary. The district secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers shall report quarterly to the conference secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers. The conference secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers shall report quarterly to the branch secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers. The branch secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers shall report quarterly to the branch corresponding secretary or to the one appointed to receive such reports, and to the general secretary of the Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers: The general secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers shall report annually to the General Executive Committee.

14. The postage and traveling expenses to the General Executive Committee of the general secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers shall be met from the treasury of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

15. It shall be the duty of the general secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers to oversee the work in all the branches, with the branch secretaries of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers to devise plans for developing it, to represent the Standard Bearers at various young people's conventions, where possible, or to provide for such representation with the branch secretaries of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers residing in the territory in which the convention is to be held, and in every way endeavor to promote the work among young people.

16. It shall be the duty of the branch secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers to put in operation in the branch the plans thus formulated and to make any other plans for the development of the work in her branch.

17. It shall be the duty of the conference secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers in consultation with and approval of the conference secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to plan for and extend the work as far as possible.

18. There shall be a Young Woman's and Standard Bearer Department of one page in the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, to be edited by the general secretary of Young Woman's Work and Standard Bearers.

Report of Committee on Badge, Crest and Seal.

On page 25, executive report, 1901-1902, it will be noted that a committee consisting of Miss L. M. Hodgkins, Auburndale, Mass., Mrs. R. E. Clark, Chicago, Ill., and Miss C. J. Carnahan, Pittsburg, Pa., was appointed to consider the matter of an appropriate badge, crest and seal for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and to bring a report to the meeting at Minneapolis.

Your committee, aided by the president of the society and other interested officers, has made a careful study of church, academic and order insignia, and presents to you the accompanying design, of which the border will be in light blue, the color of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the center of gold.

This same design, with the addition of the words in the border, "Of the Methodist Episcopal Church," they recommend in a larger size for the crest, and still larger for the seal. It is to be hoped that by wearing this symbol a warmer feeling of fraternity will be engendered, women interested in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society may find the badge a means of introduction and good friendship, and that all the purposes of this society may be aided by the bearing of this outward sign of inward grace.

It is also recommended that the crest be on all official paper, and the larger seal on all reports, printed documents and general literature published by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS L. M. HODGKINS,
MRS. R. E. CLARK,
MISS C. J. CARNAHAN.

Report of Home Work.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

Includes the New England States.

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<i>Treasurer,</i>	MISS JULIETTE SMITH, Room 16, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

The Lord has given a good degree of prosperity to the New England Branch this year. His blessing has been upon the work of all officers, conference and district, and upon the individual members, who, forgetful of themselves, and of seeming failures as well as real obstacles, have maintained a steady purpose to spread abroad the knowledge of salvation from sin, through Christ the Lord—the only name given whereby any can be saved. The loyalty of very many of our constituency has never been more successfully tested than during the history of the last year, and there has been no depreciation in earnestness of effort, or enthusiasm for the cause we love so well.

The itineraries planned by the committee, and the literature provided and sent out, have increased the knowledge of our work and consequent interest in many of the auxiliaries.

The Standard Bearer movement is very popular, and if followed up with systematic persistency will prove a wonderful agency in inspiring and helping on many lives. We have tested the wisdom of this body in deciding to leave the matter of the *name* optional with each local organization to decide for themselves, as some prefer Young Woman's and some Standard Bearers. Of the latter the home secretary reports 4,478 members. There has been quite an increase of interest in assuming shares in the salaries of missionaries, which is a very hopeful sign.

The letters from Bishop Moore have been very enthusiastic over our missionaries in the Orient, but he deploras the great lack of workers in every field over which he has oversight. We sent Miss Sara H. Miller to Korea in January that she might have an opportunity to make a start in the language before the session of the conference. But the Bishop had arranged for her to go to Pyeng Yang. As Dr. Harris was removed very soon after Miss Miller's arrival there, it seemed quite an unfortunate introduction for her. But she has recovered somewhat from her great disappointment, and is giving herself to the work, and thinks now that she is in just the right place.

Miss Glover spent the summer in Seoul, and was much benefitted by her stay there. All our missionaries have now returned to their work in China. Only Mrs. Scranton is "home on leave." And we *must* pray most earnestly for more laborers for the harvest fields, and for the *means* to send and support them where they are so much needed. Our depot of supplies is a growing factor in the work, and we are looking for and fully expecting that He will show us how the great mass of uninterested Christian women, Methodist women, can be leavened with missionary fervor and zeal. After all, the most important part of our pledge is *prayer, prayer*. Let me right here quote from a letter received a few days since from Grace Stephens: "I wish you could see this great household, and all the machinery that is used. But there is one thing you may be sure of, and that is, I make prayer the foundation of every work, whether it be small or great. I have a room set apart in the house called the prayer-room. No worker is allowed to go to his or her work without first going into the prayer-room and there receiving Christ fully into their hearts before they set out to their work. This arrangement is for the workers who live on the premises, as well as for the outside workers. All have to come here daily into my prayer-room. You can imagine that the little room is occupied from six o'clock in the morning to late in the evening. I have also weekly whole days of prayer". After listening to this fact one may well cease to wonder at the marvelous, almost miraculous success of this mission in Madras. "They that honor me, I will honor," is His word. This branch supports twenty-two missionaries, twenty assistants, one hundred and forty teachers and Bible-women, one hundred and ten day, city and village schools, with one thousand, four hundred and seventy-five pupils in them, has a part in thirty-six boarding schools, a part in twelve hospitals and dispensaries, and three hundred and fifty-eight scholarships and orphans.

MRS. L. A. ALDERMAN,

Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance Oct. 1, 1901.....	\$ 10,743.90
Receipts from Oct. 1, 1901, to Oct. 1, 1902.....	43,039.97
Receipts previously reported.....	8,270.55
Loan.....	3,500.00
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	\$ 65,554.42

DISBURSEMENTS.

India.....	\$ 18,861.85
Malaysia	1,450.00
Korea.....	1,993.50
Japan	3,246.00
China	9,938.38
Bulgaria	265.00
Italy	393.00
South America.....	2,676.39
Mexico.....	7,450.00
Home salaries, outgoing and home- coming expenses of missionaries..	2,548.92
Miscellaneous	2,816.86
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	\$ 51,639.90
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	\$ 13,914.52
Return of loan.....	7,200.00
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Balance Oct. 1, 1902.....	\$ 6,714.52

MARY E. HOLT, *Treasurer*,
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NEW YORK BRANCH.

Includes New York and New Jersey.

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<i>Treasurer,</i>	MRS. J. M. CORNELL, 29 East 37th Street, New York.

The thirty-second year of the New York Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, just closed, furnishes us with abundant reason for gratitude and thanksgiving.

All we desired has not been accomplished, and will not be until every woman in the Methodist Episcopal Church has pledged an interest in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. And we believe the promise of God, in answer to prayer and faith, extends even to this.

Our conference and district secretaries and itineraries have faithfully performed their arduous duties.

The special work has been reported and greatly increased. The Young Woman's Society, we feel already, is an efficient agent in our missionary work, also the Little Light Bearers.

The reports from the missionaries in the foreign fields are full of interest. God, in answer to prayer, has given His blessed spirit to attest the truth and bless the faithful service of His servants. Blessed revival influences are felt in many of the mission stations, and the hearts of the heathen are drawn and turning to the Saviour, who is lifted up.

Bishop Moore sends us encouraging reports of the work from his various fields of visitation in China, and urges the necessity for more missionaries to relieve those who are greatly overworked, and carry the enlarged sphere of labor. God has answered prayer in providing the workers, and it remains for us to supply the means to send those who have received the call, some of whom were accepted at the last executive meeting.

The New York Branch has sent during the year Miss Robbins to Korea, Miss Weaver to Japan, and Miss Robinson to India. Those returning, after a rest at home, to the foreign field are Mrs. Jewell, Miss Wells, to China; Dr. Hall and Dr. Cutler, to Korea. The following missionaries will remain in this country for rest: Miss Budden, of India; Miss Smith, of Japan, and Miss Bowne, of Italy.

The branch headquarters is helpful in all missionary matters. We

are glad to have the meetings for prayer, and the reunions of missionaries going and returning from the foreign field.

The sales of literature have increased and also the number of volunteer helpers, who assist the office secretary in her labors. There has been an increase in auxiliaries, in membership, young woman's societies, children's societies and in subscriptions to our periodicals; also we note as a significant fact the growing interest in missionary study. We are glad of the growing success of Folts Institute, and recommend it to the support and patronage of our entire constituency. Although located in the New York Branch, it belongs to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society everywhere. We regretted losing Miss Allen, whose work as president from the beginning we highly appreciate; but we are happy that her successor, Mrs. Wilkinson, is having every token of favor and increasing influence and usefulness.

MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From October 1st, 1901, to October 1st, 1902.

Receipts from conferences.....	\$64,721
Receipts from bequests.....	25,200
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Total receipts for year.....	\$89,921
Total disbursements for year.....	81,191
Due on deficit Oct. 1, 1901.....	7,371
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1902.....	1,358

MRS. J. M. CORNELL,
Treasurer.

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When our Lord sent His twelve disciples to preach in the cities of Israel the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, He told them to abide in the homes of the worthy, and not to provide for themselves, "for the workman is worthy of his meat." I think the Lord has judged the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society as worthy to care for the messengers He sends to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. We are devoutly thankful that He has enabled the Philadelphia Branch to make larger provision the past year than ever before. We have aimed for many years to reach an amount that would cover our appropriations, exclusive of bequests and thank offering. The past year we have reached that goal, and we give thanks to Him, through whom are all things. It has been a year marked by earnest prayer, great personal devotion, and untiring industry. These faithful laborers find their reward in the success that has been achieved.

With all appropriations met, the branch has given a veritable thank offering—Pittsburg conference has supplied the Industrial Home for Miss Adam's work in Foochow by \$5,000. Thank offering, \$3,000, has been given to the new school in Guanajuato, and the assessment for the purchase of property in the Philippines has been met. Through the gift of Miss Chambers at our last annual meeting, the Home in Gonda has been built, and a special donation of \$500 was given to relieve the pressing need of Nagoya, Japan, until the remainder of the debt was paid by the sale of other property in Tokyo. Besides these extra amounts, there has been over \$400 sent by individual request to objects not mentioned in the appropriations.

One missionary has returned to Japan accompanied by a new laborer for that field. Another new laborer is waiting for company to go to

Baroda, India, making our total of representatives on the foreign field twenty-one, two of whom are self-supporting, and two are native physicians educated in this country. Returned missionaries have spoken at eighty-nine different meetings in the branch, and our indebtedness to these self-denying workers is greater than any of us can compute. The side lights of actual experience in the field emphasizes the need and the difficulties of preaching Christ, while the enthusiastic delight that these blessed women evidently take in their work, inspires their hearers to new activity as well as better comprehension of what it costs to give the truth to those who do not want it.

For the first time in its history of thirty-two years, Philadelphia Branch has to record the passing to reward of one of its foreign workers in the midst of her work, Miss Mary DeF. Loyd, for seventeen years at the head of Girls' School and Orphanage in Mexico City, was called from work promptly, faithfully executed with entire consecration of heart in April of the present year. Her loss is greatly felt in Mexico, and though those remaining there are endeavoring to give double diligence to supply the vacancy, they feel great need for a woman equally competent to take her place and carry on the ever increasing work.

There has been an increased demand for the support for special objects, which has been somewhat stimulated by the liberal use of the camera by Miss Williams, of Baroda, but there is also a growing understanding of the importance of less sensational work than orphans and bible-women. One society asked that their special fund might pay the taxes on one of our properties. Others have been willing to share in the support of teachers and itineraries.

The Standard Bearers movement has spread rapidly in some conferences and has a hold in all. Four of our missionaries have been adopted by as many conferences who are ambitious to accomplish their entire support. Wherever an enthusiastic, judicious leader enters this work, the young people rally around her, and an assured success follows.

The sales of literature have increased somewhat over 4 per cent. over last year; and the supply office keeps in circulation all necessary aids to missionary work. The international study has acted as a great stimulus to inquiry and intelligence in all missionary matters. Reading and study circles have been organized, auxiliary meetings have grown more attractive as the members have looked up facts and figures and informed themselves of the lives of saints and martyrs and this interest has drawn a larger attendance. *Via Christi* and its accompanying aids have wonderfully quickened attention in all work in missionary lands.

MRS. S. L. KEEN,

Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Sept. 30, 1901. To Balance.....	\$ 9,068.12
Oct. 1, 1901, to Oct. 2, 1902	43,491.07
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Total	\$ 52,559.19
Oct. 1, 1901, to Oct. 1, 1902. Disbursements...	\$41,706.07
Oct. 1, 1902. Balance	10,853.12
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	\$ 52,559.19

MRS. THOMAS H. WILSON,
Treasurer.

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

Includes Maryland, District of Columbia, Eastern Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

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<i>Treasurer of Contingent Fund,</i>	MRS. W. M. WINKS, 37 North Ave., Baltimore, Md.

“They are slipping away, these sweet swift years,
Like a leaf on the current cast;
With never a break in the rapid flow,
We watch them, as one by one they go
Into the beautiful past.”

Thirty-one years of the history of Baltimore Branch have dropped into the current that flows into Eternity's sea. The one with which we have just parted has been bright with blessing. In some respects we call it our *very best*, and with thanksgiving gratefully acknowledge—“Hitherto the Lord has helped us”. He has mercifully preserved the lives of our missionaries and branch officers, and not a name in the long list of vice-presidents or managers has been erased by death. Secretaries have

pressed steadily toward the mark of their high calling—an organization of some kind, auxiliary, mite-box, circle, company of Standard Bearers, Children's Band, Little Light Bearers in every church with united effort to carry the Gospel to every creature.

The treasurer's report will show an advance in receipts of more than a thousand dollars over that of last year, and we have the largest *available* balance we have ever had.

Nearly a thousand dollars that we did not anticipate would be called for, has been paid, and statements from all foreign treasurers received show good balances there. Many things have conspired to bring about these happy results; not least in the count is the larger circulation of our periodicals and larger sales of general literature. To read is to give. They are Siamese twins, and union is essential to life. Other items in the count, are itineraries made by Misses Gallimore, Bonafield, Elsie Wood, Mrs. Gamewell and Mrs. Badley; also letters from the missionaries descriptive of their work and the letters enclosed for patrons. My appreciation of the drafts these have made upon their time and strength; my gratitude for their kindness I cannot express. To omit mention of Miss Thomas' basket, which yielded this year, three hundred dollars, would be unpardonable. A very gratifying feature is the increasing interest among our young women; fine attendance at monthly meetings with general use of The Study. We can scarcely keep ahead of the demand for mite-boxes—1353 having been distributed this year. The fund from which we *must* meet contingent expenses of the branch would be in a sad plight were it not for our annual excursion on the bay—"All Day on the Water." The popularity of this excursion, always good, was never so largely patronized as this year. I said we *must* draw from contingent fund for branch expenses, for we are, as a branch, pledged to send to the foreign field every last dollar contributed through other channels. The reputation of our Christmas boxes is our embarrassment. "No boxes like the Baltimore boxes" has preceded requests from places to which we have never sent; thirteen have gone out this year, and we are hearing of their safe arrival and the pleasure that "just a peep into box" is giving. What will the joy be in the distribution? Money instead of boxes have been sent to Japan and China.

MRS. E. B. STEVENS,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1901.....	\$ 5,007 28
Total receipts.....	19,310 77
Grand total.....	\$ 24,318 05
Disbursements..	17,302 06
Balance on hand.....	\$ 7,015 99

CONTINGENT FUND.

Receipts	\$1,239 07
Disbursements.....	1,024 09
Balance.....	\$ 214 98
	\$ 24,318 05
	1,239 07
Available balance.....	\$4,369 70
	\$ 25,557 12

MRS. H. C. TUDOR, *Treasurer.*

MRS. J. S. RAWLINGS, *Associate Treasurer.*

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

This Branch Includes Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, with Headquarters at Cincinnati.

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<i>Disbursing Treasurer,</i>	MRS. CHAS. C. BOYD, 1536 Greenup Street, Covington, Ky.

The Cincinnati Branch was organized thirty-two years ago last April. It was the duty of the present corresponding secretary to write the report of the first two years, and then after six years' absence, to take same place again, and for twenty-four more years to gather up the threads of branch interest and weave them into an annual report.

There have been varied experiences, trials and triumphs, seeming defeats, ending in victories, in all of which the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father has been very manifest. But never has this been so apparent as in the year just closed. It opened with a debt in several of our mission fields, and that at a time when to cut off or curtail existing activities, seemed to distrust our Heavenly Father, in whose name it was begun. It was not done, but earnest prayer went up from believing hearts and earnest work followed, and every promise claimed was more than fulfilled. With overflowing gratitude the acknowledgment is made that the good hand of our God has been with us all the year, and to Him be glory and honor, and power, forever and forever. In union there is always strength, and that has been realized. When from the president of the branch to the officers of the smallest auxiliary, there has been a blessed union of strength and concert of prayer. Such loyal support as is *always* given by conference and district secretaries in the Cincinnati Branch would carry any good enterprise through. Missionaries on home leave have given much of the time in which they are supposed to be *resting* to work among the auxiliaries, organizing new societies, and building up old ones. It does not seem right, and we know we should not do it. But they are such *willing* victims that one is tempted to over-step the bounds sometimes, and seemingly ignore the object of their home-coming.

Much has been done in the way of increasing our membership, and adding to the sources of financial strength, and the outlook for the coming year is not only hopeful, but inspiring. Through the *Friend* and our own *Quarterly*, the story has been told from quarter to quarter, and the exact state of our receipts and expenditures placed before those most interested. An advance in the subscription lists of the *Three Friends* and the *Study* is most gratefully recorded, a total increase of nearly one thousand. The Cincinnati Branch was a pioneer in the formation of Bands and Young Women's Work, and still has a fine record in that direction. The last year has been a very active one and a great deal of our special work is supported by the young branches of our larger one. While the Standard Bearers are growing in numbers in some parts of our territory, there are many of our successful young workers who prefer the old organizations, as giving a better opportunity for study, and advance on different lines of work.

Nearly \$3,000 came into our treasury this year by bequests, and the same amount from one of God's servants, who delights to give back to Him what has been entrusted to her of His silver and gold.

But two requests for a place to serve in the foreign field have been received, and they could not go out this year. Why is it our years of

financial success do not bring many missionary candidates; and then when sorely pressed for money, so many will offer that we have to supply other branches? is a question for consideration. Do we only pray for what we need at the time, and leave out half the promise?

Last year our annual meeting was shadowed by a memorial service for one of the loved branch representatives, called from labor to reward, and "again the Lord called" and this year Lillian Harris went in to be "forever with the Lord". Never was faithful service more joyfully given, nor truer courage shown, than by this devoted missionary. Mary Loyd was ours, too, by love and birthright, though supported by another branch. We are rich in the memory of these crowned heroines, with whom we include Miss Mekkelson, who was partly supported by the Cincinnati Branch, news of whose death reached us after the branch meeting, and whose departure in far-away Africa brought sorrow to many hearts.

The lessons of the year to the Cincinnati Branch are many. We have found that in union there is strength; that when Christian men or women go forward in obedience to the call of God, there is no such word as fail; that when our weakness is supplemented by God's strength, we can do "exploits," and above all we will surely never, *never*, distrust our Heavenly Father again.

MRS. E. T. COWEN,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in hand Oct. 1st, 1901.....	\$ 644.00
Receipts for year 1901 and 1902.....	57,286.00

\$57,930.00

EXPENDITURES.

To India and Malaysia.....	\$23,005.00
" Manila.....	1,400.00
" China.....	5,570.00
" Korea.....	4,300.00
" Japan.....	10,780.00
" Mexico.....	2,950.00
" Italy.....	350.00
" Africa.....	200.00
" S. America.....	850.00
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	\$49,405.00

Home Salaries and Traveling Expenses.....	\$2,400
Vouchers for Building Funds.....	3,075
Contingent Expenses.....	1,410
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	\$6,885
Balance on hand.....	\$1,640

MRS. J. C. KUNZ,
MRS. C. C. BOYD,

Treasurers.

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

Includes, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin.

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The exhortation which the prophet of the Lord brought to Asa, king of Israel, and its accompanying promise: "Be strong, therefore, and let not your hands be weak, for your work will be rewarded," seems to have been renewed to the Northwestern Branch during the past year, and the promise has been fully redeemed. Among a constituency which has always been noted for its earnestness and zeal, there has been manifested a spirit of devotion to all missionary interests, a fidelity in caring for the work of the society in every detail, and a consecration of time, thought and service in its interests that have insured a most gratifying outcome to a year of special effort.

It goes without the saying that the redemption of the pledges made at the annual meeting in 1901 has cost abundant labor and much self-denial, all of which has been cheerfully endured in order that the workers might rightfully share in the glorious achievement of carrying the gospel message to the people of all lands.

Each auxiliary has doubtless its own special history of plan and work and self-denial, and gleanings, and of final success, and each is worthy to

receive that benediction of the Master : " Well done, good and faithful servant ; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Many of our districts hold their annual meetings immediately after the adjournment of the branch meeting. The conference secretaries and other representatives who attend the latter meeting, go almost directly to the district gatherings and are bearers of the glad tidings which they have heard, and are alive with the enthusiasm by which the branch meeting is characterized. In this way, the zeal and inspiration which the branch meeting always incites, are communicated to all parts of our work.

The ill health of our president deprived us of her presence during nearly the entire year, and has been to us a source of anxious solicitude. In addition to the sense of personal loss, which all of us experienced, we missed her sympathy and inspiring enthusiasm in all of our enterprises.

Prayers have been offered continually throughout the branch that the Great Physician would mercifully return her to us restored in health and prepared for carrying on the work which she so greatly loved.

In the meantime, Mrs. Patten, our vice-president, has efficiently and to our great satisfaction, discharged the duties of the executive office. Her administration was so generally approved that at the annual branch meeting she was unanimously chosen to the presidency.

The first week of December, 1901, was observed throughout the branch as a week of prayer and a time for special offerings. Possibly some of our members may doubt the wisdom of making another special appeal in addition to our thank-offering, but still it seems to be evident that so long as we can report receipts of over four thousand dollars in answer to such an appeal, and can realize the unnumbered blessings which are experienced in answer to the prayers which are offered in connection with this service, there can hardly be a question as to its value.

Our thank-offering is as much a part of the year's program as is our annual meeting, and there are very few auxiliaries in which it is not observed. It becomes more and more a season for remembering our blessings and covenanting anew with the Giver of all good, that we will devote more of our time and talents and more of ourselves to His service, and at the same time it brings many gifts of love into the treasury. With thankful hearts, we have been able this year to lay upon the altar nearly \$25,000.

The statistics of the society show a decrease in the number of auxiliaries, but an increase in membership. This loss in auxiliaries is greatly to be regretted, and it is difficult to understand the reason therefore. New auxiliaries are being organized from time to time. A deeper interest in this great work is manifested than ever before, and the

receipts of the society are larger. But it is evident, and to be greatly deplored, that some of our auxiliaries grow weary of the work and abandon it. To those of us who experience the inspiration and fascination of the work, it is difficult to explain this fact. And no work of greater importance presents itself than to use every endeavor to keep alive the organizations of this society.

The young women are becoming better informed on all missionary topics and are more interested in the work. Some of their organizations have more than doubled their membership. Much of the children's work is done through the Junior League, and if the senior auxiliaries will look upon this work as an enterprise for which they are at least in part responsible and foster it, its development will be constant and its value permanent. The Little Light Bearers make a very creditable showing.

The interest in the work among our German sisters grows slowly but steadily. In the death of Mrs. Achard, they have experienced an irreparable loss. She was to them a wise counsellor, an able guide and a continual inspiration.

Miss Jacobson has done a glorious work among our Scandinavian sisters. She organized twenty-four auxiliaries, which have four hundred and sixty-six members. Most cordially do we welcome these sisters to the ranks of missionary workers and trust that the interest created by Miss Jacobson's efforts may grow until throughout this sturdy branch of Methodism may come up a host of women ready to join hands with us in sending the glad tidings of salvation to the ends of the earth.

The Standard Bearer movement has been enthusiastically received in many sections of the branch. The Detroit conference reports the largest number of members, and Rock River closely follows it. The total number of Standard Bearers reported is 6,083, and their offerings at the close of the fiscal year were \$1,746.00. They have sent out and assumed the support of three missionaries. This new organization is a valuable support to the society, and strengthens our hopes for the future. When we can enlist the young people of our church under the blue and white penant, we are securing recruits, whose enthusiasm and loyalty will increase with their experience, and who will carry forward the work with confidence and ever increasing success.

Six missionaries, Miss Wright, Miss Fisher, Miss Craig, Miss Newton, Miss Longstreet and Miss Merrill are in this country for needed change and rest. Miss Vickery, Miss Llewellyn and Miss Odgers spent the summer vacation with their home friends, but have returned and were at their posts before the opening of the school year. During the year Miss Heaton, Miss Ailing, Miss Steere, Miss Stahl and Miss Minnie Wilson returned to their several fields of work. Dr. Anna Gloss, Miss Marion Newton and

Miss Mary Wilson are still with us, none of them being in such health as warrant a return to service. Miss Benthein is pursuing some special studies that she may be better prepared for her duties. Miss Porter, of Bombay, severed her connection with our society on the occasion of her marriage.

The new missionaries who have left us are Miss Pauline Westcott, our first missionary from the ranks of the Standard Bearers; Miss Mabel K. Seeds, who joined her sister in Fukuoka; Miss Edith Jackson, who took up the work begun by Mrs. Curtis in Taipeng, Malaysia; and Miss Thirza M. Pierce, who has gone to reinforce our mission in Kiukiang.

Our headquarters is a center of constant activity. A partial summary of the work which has been done is as follows: Number of copies of *Via Christi* sold, 1,811; number of calendars, 900; number of packages sent out, 15,000; number of mite-boxes, 13,448; receipts for the year, \$2,566.

The study of *Via Christi* has been very generally pursued in our branch, and with very great profit. Not only has the regular lesson been carefully prepared, but the supplemental studies have also been read, and in many auxiliaries the search questions prepared by Mrs. Budlong have called out the best efforts of the society. In one auxiliary neighborhood circles were formed, which met every two weeks for the study of this book. We hail with delight this study of missions and mission work in a systematic manner. Women who have heretofore found their interest in some of the numberless clubs with their exhaustive programs, will welcome this new form of literary work, and with the result that the cause will commend itself to their active sympathy.

The conference and district officers have been alert to seize every opportunity to present the society's works and needs, and returned missionaries of our own society and of the general board have given time and strength to this service.

We have had many evidences that the claims of this society are commending itself to those who regard themselves as the Lord's stewards. A number of gifts and bequests have been received, which brought into the treasury the sum of \$8,494. Other gifts in the form of annuities have been received, which amount to \$8,000.

I cannot close this report without making mention of our annual meeting. The number in attendance was unusually large. In response to the cordial invitation extended by the society at Bloomington, Indiana, over six hundred interested women, coming from every part of the branch, were present. It would seem as if so large a number of visitors would have taxed the hospitality of even so generous a city as Bloomington, which has already one thousand students of the State University

domiciled among them. But so generous was the welcome given us, not only by our own church, but by sister churches, including the Roman Catholic and Jewish societies, that there was ample accommodation and room to spare. So large a company of women gathered together with the same thought and for the same purposes, could not be but an enthusiastic assemblage, and the many note books which were in use throughout the sessions indicated that the record of that meeting, with all its helpful suggestions and its wonderful spiritual uplift, will be carried back to the auxiliaries, and will stimulate all of our workers to a greater activity, and will produce a more abiding interest in this work, whose field reaches even to the ends of the earth,

In thus recounting the successes which have crowned the labors of the year, in the references which have been made to the growth, vigor and hopeful outlook for the blessed work which we have undertaken, and in the assurance with which a still more glorious future is anticipated, it is never for one moment forgotten that all of valuable result which has been, or which may be, achieved is by virtue only of the favor of the Divine Master, to whom be glory and honor and power and dominion, now and forever, world without end.

MRS. F. P. CRANDON,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance October 1st, 1901.....	\$ 14,983 20
Receipts, Oct. 1st, 1901, to Oct. 1st, 1902	120,406 05
Grand total.....	\$135,389 25
Total disbursements.....	108,842 65
Balance ..	\$26,546 60
Amount of "Annuity Fund".....	11,700 00
Balance in "General Fund" Oct. 1st, 1902.....	\$14,846 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

India.....	\$39,783 80
China.....	22,986 50
Japan	7,225 00
Italy	9,990 00
South America.....	5,492 00
Mexico	5,070 34
Bulgaria	2,141 51

Korea	600 00	
Maylasia.....	1,604 00	
Switzerland.....	225 00	
North Germany.....	90 00	
Africa	550 00	
Philippines.....	900 00	
Total.....		\$96,658 15
Outfit and traveling expenses of outgoing and returning missionaries.....	\$ 4,510 67	
Salary of missionaries home on leave of absence	2,720 05	
Medical education and supplies.....	734 35	
Total.....		\$ 7,965 07
General executive meeting.....	\$ 450 00	
Interest on annuities.....	402 00	
Miscellaneous.....	3,367 43	
		\$ 4,219 43
Total disbursements.....		\$108,842 65

MRS. BERTRAND D. YORK, *Treasurer.*

MISS LAURA G. DUNN, *Assistant Treasurer.*

DES MOINES BRANCH.

Includes Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana.

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<i>Treasurer,</i>	MRS. E. P. FRITZ, Dubuque, Iowa.
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<i>Secretary, Young Women's and Children's Work,</i>	MISS MATHA A. STAHL, Indianola, Iowa.

One who has never come under the magic spell of missionary statistics cannot estimate the delight of reporting an increase of 1228 in membership. Toward the making of these goodly figures there have been contributed many thousands of miles of travel and hundreds of addresses by our missionaries, and the branch, conference, and district officers,

together with the steady-going faithfulness of the women in the auxiliaries. Through cold and heat, Misses Evans, Perkins and Trimble have come and gone with a constancy that set at naught a natural desire for the quiet comforts and restful society of home and friends. Miss Meyer also recently found her strength equal to a tour in her own conference, and the results financially were most gratifying. Another most important helper was Miss Lillie Green, of Northwestern Branch. While visiting relatives in Missouri, she gave two weeks of most valuable services in places where little was known of our woman's work. Our young Chinese students have also come to our aid, and have been cordially received in their earnest efforts to enlist helpers in the great work which they so keenly appreciate. Did we not have to reckon with those who fall from grace every year, the results would be double what we have reported.

While one has planted and another watered, we to-day look up unto Him who alone has given the increase, and pray Him to lead in our full hearts the gratitude which our poor words can never tell. All the year a heavy burden rested upon our treasury. There rang out from branch headquarters a call to believing prayer, to a pleading of the exceeding great and precious promises of our God. How graciously He heard, how abundantly He answered, the report of the branch treasurer bears witness.

"Wherefore David blessed the Lord, before all the congregations, and David said: 'Blessed be thou Lord God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever.' Now, therefore, our God, we thank Thee and praise Thy glorious name." Immediately following our last annual meeting, three of our missionaries took their way across the Pacific, to China, Miss Ogborn reaching her station in good time. The West China ladies, Miss Galloway and Dr. Edmonds, with Miss Williams, of Minneapolis Branch, moved slowly up the Yangtse in a house boat, with Bishop Moore for guardian of the party. The two new ladies, Dr. Edmonds and Miss Williams, have had the rare privilege of devoting almost the entire year to the study of Chinese. In December, Miss Foster went to Burma, and Miss Henkle joined the India party for Calcutta, at the close of the last executive meeting. Late in September, Misses Evans and Pyne sailed by the Pacific route for India, making seven in all who have gone from our branch this year. Is it any wonder that our treasury was low? The frequently recurring marvel has again been repeated, and a group of bright young women have placed themselves upon God's altar for foreign work. Miss Susan Stumpf awaits appointment. Miss Mabel Sia, at the close of four years of training, at Morningside College and Folts Institute, will now return to her own land, an accredited missionary of our branch. Miss Bertha Beard will shortly

join Miss Ogborn in her new field at Nan Chang, China. Miss Joane Davis goes as a deaconess to work among the English speaking native people of Bombay.

There are still other young Chinese girls, and student volunteers in our Christian colleges, preparing for the day when they shall be able to present themselves with the grace to say, "Here am I, send me".

Our literature sales have touched the highest figure, more than one thousand dollars, and are at once an indication of missionary interest and a pledge of its increase.

The Standard Bearers have raised aloft their white pennant, and are gathering the young people—a few hundreds of them—we trust the mere beginning of a movement which shall speedily assume large proportions. In this department, our German sisters have distinguished themselves by issuing not only the first Standard Bearers' leaflet within our branch, but the first in the German language.

Mrs. Dr. Dorchester, of St. Louis, continues as editor of the Des Moines Branch month of the prayer calendar, a service requiring no little tact and talent.

But one of us is not, for God hath taken her, and on the western coast of Africa the precious dust of Josephine Mekkelson awaits the resurrection morning. We know not why her loved work so soon was done. We can only say, "It is the Lord, let Him do what seemeth Him good". Our tears have fallen, our hearts have grieved, but we say, as did this sainted missionary, with her dying breath, "His will be done".

The mighty one Himself hath walked among us this year. He hath been the inspiration and the recompense of all our toil. "How sweet the work hath been."

MRS. M. S. HUSTON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance Oct. 1, 1901.....	\$ 977.78
Receipts from Oct. 1, 1901, to Oct. 1, 1902.....	\$ 41,155.65
Total	\$ 42,133.43
Disbursements.....	41,477.18
Balance Oct. 1, 1902.....	\$ 656.25
India.....	\$ 24,556.39
China.....	8,873.28
Japan.....	4,835.00
Mexico.....	1,770.00
Italy.....	200.00
Africa.....	286.00
Total	\$ 40,520.67

MRS. E. P. FRITZ, *Treasurer.*

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

Includes Minnesota and the Two Dakotas.

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<i>Treasurer,</i>	MRS. C. W. HALL, 3206 2nd Av. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

In closing the year's work we can most heartily "Praise God" for the way in which He has led us and for the success won. We advanced more than two thousand dollars in our appropriations over our receipts last year, and it has required a large faith and much earnest work to attain these results, for which we are so devoutly thankful.

In the very beginning of the year we were favored in having with us Miss Perkins, of Burma, who rendered valuable service in our district conventions.

Miss Alma Jacobson, a Swedish missionary from Pakur, India, has been in labors abundant among our Swedish churches and has awakened an abiding interest, we trust, among our Scandinavian sisters, which has been a strong factor in the advancement of our work and increase in our financial receipts.

Our ever welcome and much beloved Mrs. Mary C. Nind rendered valuable aid at the time of our thank-offering services in Winona, Minneapolis and St. Paul, and assisted us in going beyond our expectations in getting funds for our memorial, the Charlotte S. Winchell Home in Penang.

Dr. Julia M. Donahue has given time, strength and thought to our entire branch for the past six months. New auxiliaries have been organized, mite-boxes distributed and Standard Bearers enrolled. Subscriptions to our missionary literature has largely increased. She has greatly strengthened the work in all our borders. One new missionary candidate has been accepted—Miss Anna Zimmerman, of Spring Valley, Minn., a graduate from Hamline University.

Miss Blackstock, in Tokio, Japan, has been ill and needs the change a home-coming will give her, but we have failed to get the needed missionary to take her place in the Harrison Industrial Home.

Miss Rouse is in excellent health and very happy in her work. She greatly needs two new workers. She is herself doing the work of two.

Miss Nicolaison is alone in Sieng Iu, her friend and co-worker, Miss Lebeus, having come home for a much needed rest. She has passed through some very trying experiences during the past six months, but through them all she has been kept in peace.

Miss Blackmore has been instant in season and out of season, constantly looking after the varied interests of the home, boarding school and evangelistic work. She is always cheery, hopeful and full of faith in God.

Miss Cody has shown herself well adapted to be indeed an itinerant missionary during the past two years. She was first appointed to Manila to open kindergarten work, but the time was not opportune. She was then transferred to Singapore where she was sorely needed. She soon had eighty children in her kindergarten with four teachers in training, when an urgent call came from Taipeng to take up the work which Mrs. Curtis had organized and was compelled by the illness of her husband to lay down. The second and the third call came, then she felt she must obey and she very successfully carried on the work which Mrs. Curtis so efficiently organized. After a few months Miss Jackson, of the N. W. Branch, was sent as missionary in charge of Taipeng. Miss Cody then returned to her beloved kindergarten, which had been carried on by the assistants and training teachers in her absence. Miss Lilly's home-coming for her much needed vacation threw the care of the Methodist Girls' School on Miss Cody's hands. She has been on the verge of a nervous break-down from such frequent changes and overwork.

Miss Martin's vacation is due in the spring, when she must take a much needed rest, which will leave Miss Ellis alone. The new home and school buildings will take much of their time and strength through the coming winter.

Miss Helen Ingram, our English deaconess, of Lucknow, India, is with us, and we are rejoiced to hear of the blessed work she is doing among our Christians and in the Zenanas of Lucknow.

Miss Williams, our missionary to far-away West China, has been devoting the past year to the study of the language and caring for the missionaries who have been so seriously ill during the past summer. She will be ready in the beginning of this year to take up the hospital training work for which she is so admirably adapted.

OUR LITERATURE.—We are rejoiced to report advance in this department also. Last year we lost 64 subscribers to our *Missionary Friend*. This year we have made up our loss and gained 141 subscribers in addition. Our German sisters in our branch have 583 subscribers to the *German Missionary Friend*, which added to our 727 subscribers makes a total of 1318, an average of about one subscriber in three of

our constituency. We have to report a loss in the *Children's Missionary Friend* of 87. We gained 128 last year so that the actual loss is only 41. We have gained 150 subscribers to *The Study*.

The capable editor of our *Quarterly Review*, Mrs. Lindsey, has been publishing sketches of our branch missionaries, and while in type, have been issued in leaflet form for which there is a great demand.

Via Christi has been studied in many of our auxiliaries with great profit.

More literature has been sold this year than ever before. We are planning for the distribution of more missionary intelligence, and we hope thereby for more aggressiveness on missionary lines.

FINANCES.—It was with fear and trembling that we urged an advance last year of a thousand dollars over our *Branch* annual appropriation. We have raised in the regular way \$1,600 beyond our advanced apportionment, and the conference and district secretaries proposed themselves this year, an advance in apportionment of \$16,500 for the coming year, an apportionment equal to our receipts. We have received a bequest of \$5,000 from the estate of Mr. Lillibridge, who was a much loved and highly honored and very useful member of Wesley Church, and where his family yet worship. This bequest does not apply on our regular work, but will go to special places for the general work.

Another bequest of \$700 from the estate of Mrs. Morse, of Alexandria, So. Dakota, will be applied in supporting a day school in perpetuity in Kucheng, China.

The secretaries of our different departments have been most earnest, faithful and successful in advancing their different lines of work.

The greatest advance has been in the organization of young people into Standard Bearers Circles—from these we expect great things in the coming years.

We enter upon the duties of the new year with faith and courage that God will give us great victory in answer to earnest efforts and fervent prayers for the extension of His Kingdom throughout the earth.

MRS. C. W. JOYCE, *Corresponding Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts from Oct. 1st, 1901, to Oct. 1st, 1902.....	\$ 16,109 23
Bequests.....	5,700 00
Total.....	\$ 21,809 23
Balance Oct. 1st, 1901.....	2,132 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Disbursements.....	\$ 14,851 90
Balance on hand.....	\$ 9,089 25

MRS. C. W. HALL, *Treasurer*.

TOPEKA BRANCH.

*Includes Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Texas, Oklahoma,
New Mexico and Indian Territory.*

OFFICERS.

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<i>Treasurer,</i>	MRS. A. M. DAVIS, 1701 16th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Through the varied experiences of another year the Lord has been with us, and "there hath not failed one word of all His good promise".

We have made some growth in numbers, the most marked being in the Swedish conference, which reports fifteen auxiliaries, with a membership of 350. We regret that our receipts are \$600 below the previous year, but the decrease is in special gifts and not through the regular channels. More members paid dues, the mite boxes yielded a large increase, and the thank offering nearly doubled.

The German conference, in addition to the apportionment, contributed \$300 to place a missionary in the field, and a friend in Colorado gave a like sum to send another to Sironcha.

The laborers among the young people are meeting with success. A beginning has been made in the enlistment of Standard Bearers, and the hope seems reasonable that during the present year there will be increasingly favorable results. The interest taken in the study of *Via Christi* is gratifying; nearly 800 copies were sold through our bureau of supplies; then, too, the subscription lists to all our periodicals have lengthened, hence we trust that as our zeal increases, it is according to knowledge. We have been blessed with help from outside. Mrs. Nind, Miss Bing, from Japan, and Miss Marks, from India, each gave us six weeks. The visible results of their labors are increased interest in the places visited, added numbers and more money in the treasury.

The first foreign news that came to us after the General Executive meeting one year ago was the death of Miss Delia A. Fuller, in Sironcha, November 14, after a few days' illness. Miss Fuller went to India in 1886 and returned after a vacation in 1898. Until fifteen months before her death her work was in the North India conference. At that time she

was transferred to the South and appointed to Sironcha, being the only missionary of our church in that far-away station.

In her last letter, written three weeks previous to her death, she wrote: "Sironcha is a great field and we are doing our best to glorify God and win the people to Him. Our work at present is like a little lamp in a dark place, but it will burn brighter and brighter until it shines far into the heathen darkness and brings multitudes to Christ."

We returned one missionary, Miss Watson, to her work in Japan, and early in the year sent two to India, Miss Winslow and Miss McKnight. We are happy in beginning the new year with three candidates. One, Miss Urdell Montgomery, will sail in a few days for her chosen field, India. The applications of the others will be presented to this committee, one for medical work in India, the other for deaconess work in the Philippines.

Our annual meeting, held in Wichita, Kansas, was largely attended and enthusiastic. Dr. Stuntz, Misses Trimble, Marks and Mabel Sia gave royal service. The audiences were not only interested, but generous. At the close of Dr. Stuntz's address on Monday night he asked for \$300 to pay Miss Spaulding's expenses to the Philippines. In response \$450 were pledged. In addition to this, \$150 were given Miss Marks for the purchase of a bell for the Ajmer school building, and \$75 for an ox-cart to be used in her evangelistic work.

MATILDA WATSON,

Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1901.....	\$ 5,462 12
Receipts, Oct. 1st, 1901, to Oct. 1st., 1902	20,694 56
Total.....	<hr/> \$26,156 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

India	\$ 8,016 91
China.....	3,545 00
Japan	2,860 00
Italy.....	100 00
South America	2,325 00
Miscellaneous.....	784 66
Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1902.....	<hr/> \$ 7,500 11

MRS. A. M. DAVIS,

Treasurer.

PACIFIC BRANCH.

Includes California, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii.

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<i>Treasurer,</i>	MRS. Z. L. PARMELEE, 401 Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Cal.

The enthusiasm with which our branch ushered in the new century did not die out or even abate with the close of the first year, but has increased in scope and intensity as the months of 1902 have gone by. Many circumstances have conspired to add to the success of the year. Old friends have not slackened their efforts, and new friends have been zealously working to forward our interests. The Standard Bearer movement has given our young people a widespread interest in our work and has opened a door of hope to us for a permanent and satisfactory alliance between the young and old, hitherto unattained.

The united study of missions had right of way in almost all of our auxiliaries, and has enlisted a large number of new women. It is needless to say that our returned missionaries have done much to bring about these changed conditions. With Miss Jewell in the north, Miss Craig near the sea on the south, Miss Gilman almost to the desert on the east, and Miss Marks north, south and east, and only barred by the Pacific on the west, with these and others whose services have added to the general success, and with God's blessing on all our work and plans, the year has been one of the brightest and best of any of the fourteen of our history.

Our missionaries on the field, Dr. Taft, in malarial China, Miss Holman and Dr. Beck in torrid Rajputana, Miss Holbrook in Japan, and Miss Collins in the fever-laden air of Africa, have all been graciously preserved in health.

Naturally we feel a special interest in Rajputana, so long the field of labor of our first missionary, Miss Marks, because of its fearful ordeal of famine, plague and fever. The hundreds of famine waifs rescued by Miss Marks in 1900 are, with but few exceptions, well and happy. By the order of the authorities, the large household was divided and a number of the orphans were sent to Phalera, where they are under the care of Miss Anna Lawson.

Miss Holman has charge of the household at Ajmere, and has proven herself to be a worthy successor to Miss Marks. She has true motherly instincts and is enthusiastically in love with her work. We sent Dr. Edna Beck to Ajmere in February, to the great delight of Miss Holman and the partial relief of Miss Lawson.

Miss Holman is so thankful for the sweet-spirited ready helper she finds in Dr. Beck, and Dr. Beck seems to be a born missionary, stepping into the ranks and filling her place with such readiness and heartiness that her presence in Ajmere has been a delight from the beginning. The Standard Bearers of California conference may well congratulate themselves on their chosen missionary. Miss Holbrook was moved to Nagoya at conference, and is faithfully studying the language of Japan in preparation for the evangelistic work to which she is appointed. We trust and believe that she will give many years of effective service to Japan.

Dr. Taft has done a fine year's work in Chinkiang with almost uninterrupted health. She writes so little of herself that we consider ourselves fortunate in having another correspondent in Chinkiang, Miss Robinson, who tells us of our Gertrude's royal service and of the stay and comfort she is to Dr. Hoag, who esteems her as a sister beloved and a competent physician.

Never was the hand of God more clearly seen than in the sending of our beloved Susan Collins to California just as Miss Crothers was moved to send a missionary to Africa in memory of her beloved sister. Her stay among us gave us an insight to her character, showing that added to her devoutness of spirit, she had strong common sense, a readiness for emergencies and a generous, unselfish heart.

These sterling qualities were all needed when she reached Quessua, in January, and found Miss Mekkelson's health utterly broken. With her accustomed energy she stepped under the burden and did all in her power to relieve Miss M. and nurse her back to health. But human love and skill could not save her, and July 5th Miss Mekkelson passed to her reward with a prayer for Susan Collins on her dying lips. Her death leaves Miss Collins in charge of the school at Quessua. Her thirteen years of service in Africa under the General Missionary Society, fitted her for this new responsibility.

So in Africa, China, India and Japan our representatives are toiling, oftentimes while we are sleeping, and we rejoice in the assurance that their labor is not in vain.

Hungry hearts everywhere are turning to them for the bread that perisheth not, and we believe that none are more ready and faithful in the work of rescue than our own five beloved missionaries.

Miss Marks and Miss Easton are still detained at home, yet their

hearts are in India, and some good day: if God wills, they will return. It is so blessed to know that He makes no mistakes. Just now we need a new missionary. Let us make this want a special subject of prayer, that God may send us one of His own choosing.

Not the least of all our blessings has been our ability to meet all of our obligations promptly, and no burden of financial obligations unmet has distracted our minds from the legitimate work of our office. For this and for unnumbered tokens of divine favor, we are most profoundly grateful.

MRS. CHARLOTTE O'NEAL,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Oct. 1st, 1901. Balance on hand.....	\$ 1,304 71
Receipts from Oct. 1st, 1901, to Oct. 1st, 1902.....	13,886 00
Grand total.....	<u>\$15,190 71</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

From Oct. 1st. 1901, to Oct. 1, 1902.....	\$ 13,613 97
Balance Oct. 1st, 1902.....	<u>\$ 1,576 74</u>

MRS. Z. L. PARMELEE,
Treasurer.

COLUMBIA RIVER BRANCH.

Includes Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon.

OFFICERS.

<i>President,</i>	MRS. EARL CRANSTON, Portland, Oregon.
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<i>Recording Secretary,</i>	MRS. W. H. SAYLOR, 871 South First Street, Portland, Oregon.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	MRS. M. E. WHITNEY, 704 South I Street, Tacoma, Washington.

A decade of history is now accomplished by Columbia River branch. We deem it a happy coincidence that this particular session of the General Executive Committee should be held within the territory of our beloved "Mother Branch", whose wee daughter we were ten years

ago when consent was given for the erection of our separate household of faith. It was well that no vision then appeared of the serious difficulties which soon trooped after, since God has so graciously guided through all, and since we may believe that under His blessing some things have been wrought for the world's redemption that had not been without this child of Providence.

Owing to these and other hindrances incident to the settlement of a new country, our work has not broadened to a coveted extent, but it has unmistakably taken deeper root, has made substantial advance, and may be expected henceforth to move steadily forward.

The sum total of the contributions of this first decade is nearly \$40,000, not a bad financial showing, in view of the fact that it was almost entirely made up of small sums. Few single gifts of the size of \$100 have come into the treasury, and above this but one of \$300, and one of \$500.

As for the work of the past year, we may chronicle the formation of several new auxiliaries, an increase in membership, an encouraging advance in subscriptions to our periodicals, and the organization of a new district at Spokane. The convention where this was effected—first of its kind held in that city—was notable for its enthusiasm and fine, well executed program.

The united study of missions has been undertaken in a larger number of auxiliaries than was anticipated for the first year. We share in the general satisfaction felt within the society that the editor of our *Missionary Friend* has so well executed her task in the preparation of its first text book, *Via Christi*, as to win universal commendation.

A beginning has been made in the enlistment of Standard Bearers, Miss Phœbe Parkinson, of Foochow, China, being designated as our first Standard Bearer missionary. Our first leaflet of such series has just been issued, and we hope that ere long one thousand young hearts will be beating in love and prayer for Miss Parkinson and her girls in the Foochow Seminary.

One event which distinguishes the year from others is the homecoming of Miss Lilly on her first furlough, after five years of faithful and successful labor in Singapore. In her characteristically unselfish devotion to the interests of the mission, she threatens to turn back at once if relief is not soon sent to the missionaries, who are carrying the additional burdens for which there is neither time nor strength without cruel sacrifice to themselves and the work. Where are the young women who might help where need is so great?

Our tenth anniversary was celebrated in historic Taylor Street Church, Portland, where the branch was organized. It was throughout

an occasion of intense interest and spiritual power. One especially attractive feature was the birthday rally, with its charming greetings from branch secretaries, our general president and secretary, our editors, missionaries, and early friends, in which they told in choice phrase how they love us, and how great and good they expect us to become. Our recording secretary skillfully marshalled her select company, who delivered these epistles to attentive hearers, and she bids me bear to you assurance of our grateful appreciation of these kindly words to the "little sister", at the same time reminding you that we now lay aside the white ruffled apron, appropriate to the childhood days of the first decade, and aspire to the dignity of the second decade of young womanhood.

Remember us still, loan us your best missionary pleaders as they pass to and fro to their fields of labor, and by and by the great North Pacific territory, that is fast filling with an enterprising population, will render double for the Master's work.

A rare heritage is now ours. There are six young Thoburn's in our western city, two motherless children and four fatherless grandchildren of Bishop Thoburn. These shall bind us anew with tender, yet strong cords to the great world where the name they bear stands for the glorious Gospel of Christ.

Still another tie holds us to steady service. But a few weeks since there was laid to rest in its dove-colored casket, beside the body of the dear son, Crawford, in a Portland cemetery, the form of Mrs. Anna Thoburn, wife of our Bishop of India. The tribute paid that day to her memory by Dr. Oldham, who had been eye witness to the power of her character and life on the mission field, will remain with all who listened as an inspiration to truer and higher living. Stricken with mortal illness in the land of her toil, where "she had poured out her life", she was brought home, hope vanished from every heart but her own. She, brave soul, held on that she might reach the North Pacific coast and get well. Thither she finally came and there she was made eternally well. And we are left with this confidence that God hath led, not for her sake alone, that, having finished her work, she might entrust her precious little ones to the care of a chosen daughter, but for ours as well. One of our Bishops once declared, "The mission field needs more graves". So may it be true also of that new country of ours, with its pushing self-directed life. This honored grave, that Ohio across the continent and India over the sea would covet, this cherished grave, low-lying and mute at our feet, hath yet its message--of good cheer to the busy toiler, in the name of the Master who found His promised inheritance in the rock-hewn tomb--and of entreaty to those who have yet to heed the Voice

crying through the ages, "Bring My sons from far and My daughters from the ends of the earth."

MRS. A. N. FISHER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand, October 1, 1901.....	\$ 1,730 55
Receipts from October 1, 1901, to October 1, 1902.....	5,085 57
Total.....	\$ 6,816 12

DISBURSEMENTS.

India.....	\$ 2,190 00
Malaysia.....	1,015 00
China.....	1,525 00
Japan.....	365 00
Bulgaria.....	5 00
Fund for outgoing missionary.....	19 08
Incidentals.....	167 20
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	\$ 5,286 28
Balance on hand, October 1, 1902.....	\$ 1,529 84
On hand for outgoing missionary.....	201 83

MRS. M. E. WHITNEY, *Treasurer.*

GERMAN WORK.

Mysterious unto us are the ways of God. We are sorely stricken in the loss of our beloved mother, the secretary of the German work. If we can not report as fully as we wish, we know that you will forgive us, and accept this as the best we could do under the circumstances.

The work among the Germans has received a great impetus through the collections of money for the Sieng-Iu Home. The call for help has been answered nobly, and our statistics show that the money thus collected was not taken from other parts of the work, as the treasury for the general fund shows an unusually large increase for our constituency. We are sure that the women have been roused not only to give but to pray more fervently for our missionaries. Our heart was twice made glad by two gifts of \$2,000 each, from an unknown friend of missions, and we praise the Lord that he has stirred the hearts in such a wonderful way.

Miss Rothweiler has traveled quite extensively, as the German secretary was not able to leave her invalid husband, and she has indeed relieved her of a great part of her work.

The district meetings have been times of blessings and help to those attending them, and the reports from the conference anniversaries are more encouraging year after year.

Our contingent fund has been remembered by the members, and we do not have a deficit as usual, but a surplus of \$342.63.

Of our secretaries, two have resigned and their places have not been supplied at the present writing. May God give us the right persons for these important positions.

Special work is being supported by our Germans in all branches, except the Columbia River branch. There has been an increase of over twenty-five per cent. in this line alone.

We have 381 auxiliaries, increase 69, with 9,124 members, increase of 2,264.

Our total receipts for the year are \$15,429, \$4,000 of this being a special gift. The increase over last year is, without this special gift, \$2,021.51. Of this, about \$1,500 was collected for the Sieng-Iu Home. This still leaves us an increase of some \$500.

God takes the workers, but the work goes on, and we are glad to know that He will take care of it in the future as He has done in the past. May the coming year be rich in service and abundant in fruit for the Master's vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. ACHARD.

STATISTICS OF GERMAN WORK FOR 1901-1902.

GERMAN WORK.

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CONFERENCES.	Organizations.	Life Members.	Members.	Special Work.	Frauen Missions Freund.	Wom. M. Friend.	Child. M. Friend.	Receipts, 1901-1902.	Receipts, 1900-1901.	Increase.	Decrease.
Switzerland.....	44	..	1263	1	198	..	..	\$593 87	\$557 96	\$35 91	.....
South German.....	105	..	1397	3	214	..	..	349 61	243 59	106 02	.....
North German.....	21	..	410	1	92	..	..	183 32	158 24	24 08	.....
East German.....	22	2	771	9	352	11	129	1444 37	1038 54	405 83	.....
Central German.....	21	..	467	19	161	10	..	1580 23	1059 48	521 75	.....
St. Louis German.....	18	..	492	8	251	22	..	849 63	544 09	305 54	.....
West German.....	40	..	623	8	480	8	6	2038 98	1620 49	418 49	.....
California German.....	11	19	300	20	141	5	..	488 25	484 00	4 25	.....
North Pacific German.....	5	..	84	..	39	..	..	102 59	82 00	20 59	.....
Northwest German.....	33	..	656	23	510	7	118	1437 40	1002 07	203 60	.....
North German.....	40	38	1036	10	483	12	90	1665 15	1730 72	.....	\$ 65 57
Chicago German.....	15	1	349	..	153	1	20	806 70	600 86	205 84	.....
Miscellaneous.....	..	..	....	..	1125	..	..	4125 00	.....	.....	.....
Totals, 1901-1902.....	381	60	7848	102	4199	76	363	15665 10	407 49	6157 61	.....
Totals, 1900-1901.....	312	109	6860	..	3992	71	332	9407 49	.....	.....	.....
Increase.....	69	..	988	..	207	5	31	6157 61	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	..	49	....	..	.....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....

HOME STATISTICS.

BRANCHES.	Auxiliaries.	Members.	Young Woman's Soc.	Members	Children's Bands.	Members.	Little Light Bearers	Standard Bearers.	Conference Sec's.	District Secretaries.	Mite Boxes.
							Members.				
New England.....	450	11446	34	851	161	4146	.....	4478	12	31	5531
New York.....	985	26152	....	3636	....	2392	.....	4215	14	46	5531
Philadelphia.....	467	13895	65	2075	75	1830	420	1501	....	....	3780
Baltimore.....	161	5452	....	.....	41	1645	617	50	4	6	.....
Cincinnati.....	880	19420	115	2325	100	1500	.....	.....	9	42	.....
Northwestern.....	1213	31474	118	3413	126	3574	1314	5068	....	68	18620
Des Moines.....	614	14890	64	1522	39	1019	.....	.....	7	34	.....
Minneapolis.....	253	5311	43	783	57	1925	510	.....	8	17	2950
Topeka.....	332	7100	24	584	17	478	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pacific.....	131	3345	94	448	24	490	120	.....	5	9	1600
Columbia River.....	83	1685	11	314	8	141	727	.....	6	....	601
	5569	140170	568	15851	648	19140	3708	15312	65	253	38613

General Treasurer's Report.

At the session of the General Executive Committee held in Philadelphia, 1901, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That in order to meet the traveling expenses of officers, delegates and missionaries to the General Executive meetings and other legitimate expenses in connection with the general work of the Society, it was voted that a sum equal to one and one-half cents per member, not including young women's and children's societies, shall be paid by the branches annually to the general treasurer of the Society.

RECEIPTS.

From Branches from Vouchers and Cash on Assessment of $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per member.

New England.....	\$142
New York.....	425
Philadelphia.....	189
Baltimore.....	66
Cincinnati.....	282
Northwestern.....	479
Des Moines.....	225
Minneapolis.....	60
Topeka.....	96
Pacific.....	38
Columbia River.....	24

\$2026

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expenses to General Executive Meeting in Philadelphia, October, 1902, of Branch Secretaries, two Delegates and Missionaries, first year at home.

General Secretary.....	\$ 20 00
New England Branch Delegates and 1 Missionary.....	69 81
New York, Including 5 Missionaries.....	50 29

Philadelphia, 2 Delegates.....	\$ 19 97	
Baltimore, 1 Missionary.....	23 25	
Cincinnati, 3 Missionaries.....	164 75	
Northwestern, 7 Missionaries.....	252 10	
Des Moines, 2 Missionaries.....	224 36	
Minneapolis,.....	160 00	
Topeka.....	188 00	
Pacific, 1 Delegate.....	296 00	
Columbia River, 1 Delegate.....	253 80	
	<hr/>	\$1,722 33

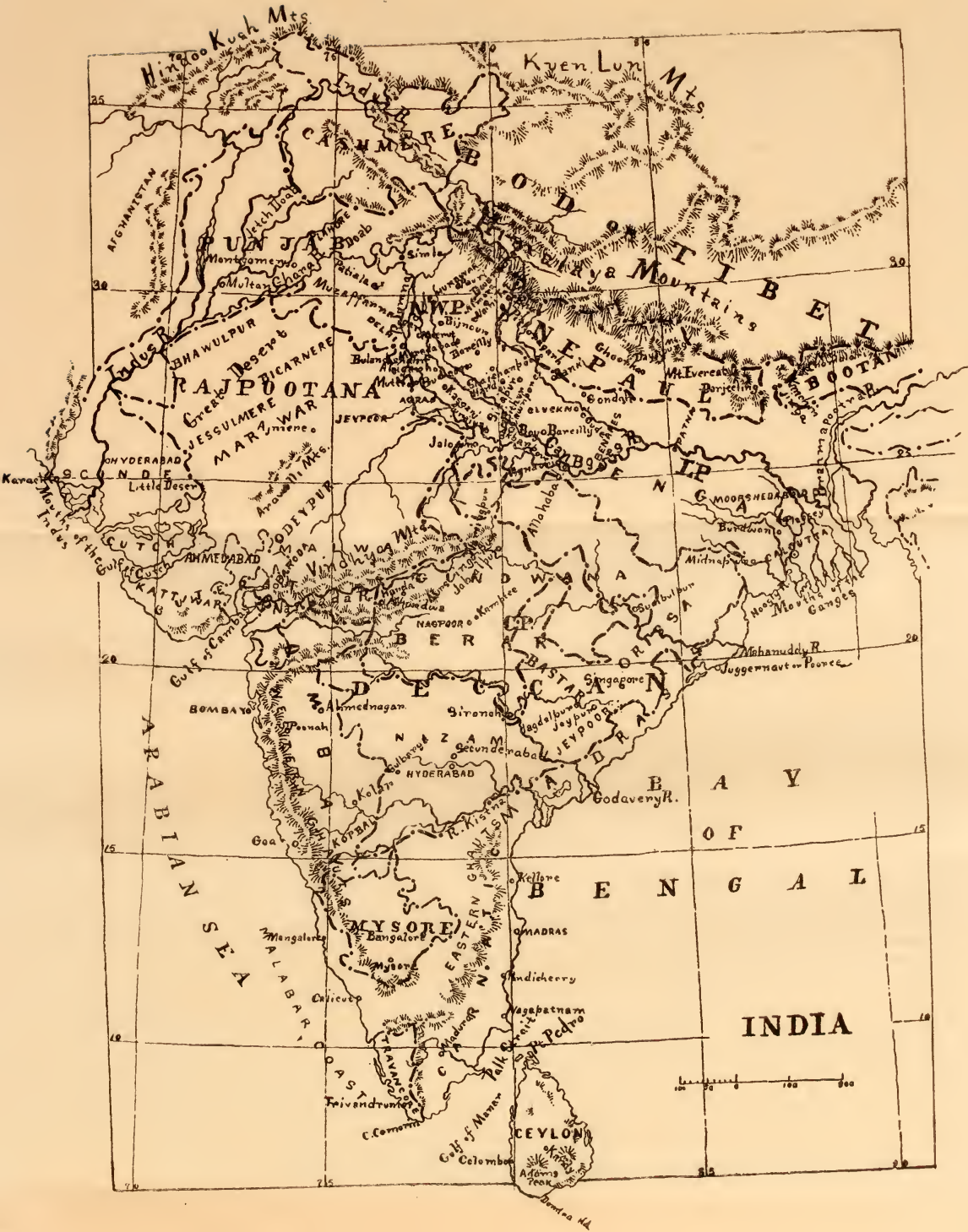
Expenses to Reference Committee Meeting at Cincinnati,
May 20, 1902.

New England Branch Secretary.....	\$ 48 75	
Baltimore Branch Secretary.....	20 50	
Des Moines Branch Secretary.....	5 00	
Minneapolis Branch Secretary.....	24 00	
Topeka Branch Secretary.....	35 00	
German Branch Secretary.....	9 05	
	<hr/>	\$ 142 30

Cablegrams Relating to Foreign Buildings.

Raipur.....	\$ 18 45	
Peking.....	14 34	
Hyderabad.....	4 30	
Korea.....	6 45	
	<hr/>	\$43 54
Trunk Line Agent for reduced rates to Minneapo- lis Executive Meeting.....		11 00
A. W. Greenman, South America, expense of securing deed for Montevideo School Property.....		85 03
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		\$ 2,004 20
Receipts.....	\$ 2,026 00	
Expenses to Oct. 30.....	2,004 20	
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Balance, Nov. 1, 1902.....	\$ 21 80	

MRS. WM. B. SKIDMORE,
Treasurer.



Report of Foreign Work.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

INDIA.

NORTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference in 1864.

Woman's Work Commenced in 1869.

MISSIONARIES.

<i>Bareilly.</i>	<i>Naini Tal.</i>	<i>Paori.</i>
FANNIE M. ENGLISH,	SARAH A. EASTON,	THERESA J. KYLE.
*MARY WILSON,	RUE E. SELLERS.	<i>Gonda.</i>
MARGARET D. LEWIS, M. D.		FANNIE SCOTT,
		ELIZABETH HOGE,
		E. M. RUDDICK,
<i>Budaon.</i>	<i>Lucknow.</i>	<i>Moradabad.</i>
KATE O. CURTS,	FLORENCE L. NICHOLS,	ALICE MEANS,
	MARION NEWTON,	*MARY MEANS.
	MARY P. STEARNES,	<i>Seitapore.</i>
	*HELEN INGRAM,	IDA GRACE LOPER.
	EVA M. HARDIE,	<i>Shahjahanpore.</i>
<i>Pithoragarh.</i>	LOUISE T. BROUSE,	CLARA M. ORGAN.
MARY REED,	RUTH E. ROBINSON,	
ANNIE BUDDEN,	LILAVATI SINGH,	
MARTHA SHELDON, M. D.,		
LUCY W. SULLIVAN.		

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. E. W. PARKER,	MRS. J. BLACKSTOCK,	MRS. S. KNOWLES,
*MRS. J. H. GILL,	MRS. J. W. ROBINSON,	*MRS. J. A. CORE,
MRS. W. A. MANSELL,	MRS. T. J. SCOTT,	MRS. N. L. ROCKEY,
*MRS. C. L. BARE,	MRS. J. B. THOMAS,	MRS. J. N. WEST,
MRS. F. L. NEELD,	MRS. J. H. MESSMORE,	MRS. A. B. HEWES,

*On home leave.

MRS. C. C. ASHE.

Thirty-three years ago, our first two missionaries were preparing for the long journey to India, on what to many seemed a rash undertaking. The history of the intervening years is too well known to need repeating. The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the North India conference, as reported at the last session of the conference,

covers one hundred and two pages, besides the minutes and reports of committees. It contains a wonderful presentation of the work of twenty-three representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and sixteen wives of missionaries, and associate workers in this world-wide propagandism of our Christian hope, among the women of heathenism.

Nine presiding elders districts, have each their regularly organized work, under charge of our missionaries, except the two districts of *Sambhal* and *Pilibhit*, where all the work is under the care of native workers. There are over five thousand baptized women and girls in these two districts. Forty-eight evangelistic teachers and twenty-three bible-women are employed in the woman's work in these districts, and "the entrance of the Word giveth light".

MORADABAD DISTRICT is one of the best organized on all lines in the North India conference. There are fourteen centers of interest from which radiate rays of Gospel light. The Moradabad Boarding school, under the care of Miss Alice Means, numbers one hundred and ten pupils, and makes a fine record on all lines. A large number of teachers and Bible-women received their training in this school, and they in turn are giving it to others, and thus the leaven spreads. In the Sigler Boarding School at Budaon, Miss Curts, superintendent, assisted by two assistants and three teachers cares for 87 girls. There are more than four thousand baptized women in this district, and a promising work in villages and country places..

GONDA DISTRICT work is largely among the villages and country people, and is composed of nine circuits, each with its net-work of smaller places. It presents a very fruitful field for evangelistic work. Hundreds hear the Word gladly. The Gonda Boarding School numbers one hundred and seven pupils, and Miss Scott rejoices over the fine report she can give of their progress in book learning as well as growth in character. An addition to the dormitory is badly needed. Miss Hoge had the evangelistic work on this district, but had to come home on health leave in January; but the remembrance of the pleading voices of the women she left, as they asked, "Who will tell us the way, when you are gone"? and the knowledge that in that land where the laborers are few there is not one who could be spared to take her place, is not conducive to rest and recuperation. The average attendance of those who came to hear the Gospel story each month was over 1,100.

ODDH DISTRICT and the city of Lucknow, where our work first began, is naturally a point of interest which increases year by year, as the work grows in importance and wide-spreading influence. Miss

Nichols has bravely met the heavy responsibilities placed upon her, encouraged and sustained by her sister missionaries and teachers, who were all of one mind, and that to do their very best, and leave the rest with the dear Heavenly Father, and when did ever His servants call to Him in vain? In the Isabella Thoburn College, in city work, in the Home for Homeless, the record of the year was, very encouraging. It is estimated that there are three million women and girls in this district, and on many of these poor darkened minds the Gospel light has dawned, and they rejoice in the blessed assurance that there is hope on earth and joy in Heaven for women.

The Sitapur Boarding School, under Miss Loper's efficient superintendence has had a good year, and the record of the year's work of the hundred girls is bright and hopeful. Quite a number have learned the "better way" and are willing learners in the lessons of self-denial and helpfulness, and their growth in character on the best lines cheers the heart of their superintendent. Mrs. Messmore has charge of the Zenana work in this district, and has eight bible-women under her charge. In looking over the appointments and reports of North India conference, the frequent mention of circuit work, brings forcibly to mind our own early history, as a church. There are six circuits in Oudh District, and in these forty-six bible-women are regularly employed.

BAREILLY-KUMOAN DISTRICT, combines a wonderful net-work of Christian effort, reaching from the hot plains of Central India on the south to the borders of Thibet on the north, where Dr. Sheldon and her no less brave assistant, Miss Browne, are laying the foundations of a great work among the Bhotiyas. We find Mary Reed at Chendag, still wonderfully "kept" from suffering and from doubt, and busy with her Master's business. The next is Miss Sullivan and the work at Pithoragarh, which she cares for while Miss Budden takes her "home leave". Eighteen Bible-women and three assistants help in this many-sided work, and much good is accomplished. The little Boarding School at Dwarahat has met the purpose of its founding to the satisfaction of all interested.

NAINI TAL with Wellesley Girls' High School, has gone another year, as in the past, adding, through Miss Easton's wonderful management, not only to the reputation of the school, but to the value of the property. It is clear of debt, and valued at \$53,000, and Miss Easton gives Miss Sellars great praise for her school work.

The Bidwell Memorial work at Shajahanpore continues its prosperous work with 103 girls on the roll. Miss Organ reports a good year, with neither famine nor plague to interfere.

BAREILLY. Mrs. M. E. Scott's Woman's School and Theological

Seminary, sending out last year 12 women, trained for mission workers. This makes 356 women who have had more or less training in this school in the last thirty years.

Medical Work. Mrs. Drees reports in city work, 264 patients. She also added a course of medical training to the wives of theological students. Dr. Margaret Lewis reports a large year's work in the Mission Hospital; 250 operations had been performed, 120 in-patients in the hospital. The year's report for dispensary: total number treated, 21,163, of whom more than 7,000 were new cases. She adds, "we are so glad and thankful that so many have heard the message and trust the Spirit has carried the good Word to many hearts."

The Barcilly Orphanage deserves special notice as it is older than our society, and should be treated with due honor. Thousands of girls have been cared for there in the thirty-three years. Miss English reports 285 girls, besides 20 day scholars.

BIJNOUR DISTRICT.—The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary in this district is under the charge of Mrs. Florence Perrine Mansell, whose husband is presiding elder. The Girls' Boarding School in Bijnour, is superintended by Mrs. Mansell, assisted by Miss McMullen and Mrs. Connelly. Both teachers are Lal Bagh girls, and under Mrs. Mansell's experienced guidance, are making fine workers. All the boarding scholars are members of the Junior League and the older ones also members of W. F. M. Society. They manage by working in various ways to get some money, and are very generous in giving. City work and Zenana work, are under charge of this devoted missionary. The Zenana work is promising also. The district work last year was under Miss Mary Means until her return to America on health leave. There are ten circuits in which forty-six Bible-women visit regularly in Zenanas, or hold meetings with those who are not shut in, and they are welcomed in many places, and the seed sown will bring forth fruit in due time.

E. T. COWEN, *Official Correspondent.*

NORTHWEST INDIA CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference in 1892.

MISSIONARIES.

Aligarh.

MISS LAURA BOBENHOUSE,
MISS ANNA GALLIMORE.

Brindaban.

MISS EMMA SCOTT, M. D.,
MISS MATILDA BURNAM.

Meerut.

MISS MELVA A. LIVERMORE,
MISS ANNIE S. WINSLOW.

Ajmer.

MISS CHARLOTTE T. HOLMAN,
*MISS LILLIAN E. MARKS,
*MISS LAURA E. WRIGHT,
MISS EDNA L. BECK, M. D.

Cawnpore.

MISS ADA J. LAUCK.

Muttra.

MISS M. EVA GREGG,
MISS ISABEL MCKNIGHT.

Phalera.

MISS ANNA E. LAWSON.

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES.

*MRS. SCOTT,
MRS. ASHE,
MRS. CLANCY,
MRS. WILSON,

MRS. HOSKINS,
MRS. BUCK,
MRS. THOMAS,
MRS. D. CLANCY,

MRS. MANSELL,
MRS. LAWSON,
MRS. LYON.

*Home on leave.

*I will try to give you an idea of what our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society workers have been doing this year, and in this you will find an indirect hint of our needs.

Miss Fuller's death and Mrs. Gilder's homegoing necessitated an arrangement for the work in Raipur, and as Mrs. Wilson was willing to take the Agra Medical Home, which was her first love, Miss Harvey was transferred to the Southern conference. The Medical Home has prospered, and the girls who graduated have received employment. Mrs. Wilson has charge of the woman's work on the Kasganj district, and with her other duties has really more than one woman's work. However, she keeps her health, and says she is glad to be useful in the Lord's service.

Muttra was deprived of Miss Abbott's services but gained Miss McKnight, and the work has been going on well. The new building — Mr.

*This report is written by Mrs. Hoskins, official correspondent for the conference.

Blackstone's gift — is a delight and a comfort. The additional rooms were greatly needed, owing to increase of pupils, and it is satisfactory to know that the principal and assistants feel that better work can be accomplished since they are emancipated from their cramped quarters. One of the promising things in our work is the fact that we are educating our own teachers and helpers, and yet we cannot supply the needs. Scarcely a month passes that I do not receive urgent letters begging me to find a good assistant, bible reader or teacher for some station ; and this is not only for our own conference, but for other conferences also.

The training school and boarding school have each an increase of pupils, and in both the girls are growing spiritually. Indeed, I can say this of all our boarding schools, and one of my great pleasures as I attend the district conferences and the boarding school examinations is the real earnest spirit shown by the women and girls, not only to live right themselves but to teach others of Jesus Christ.

The older girls in all our schools take heed to the example they set before the younger ones. The Meerut Boarding School stood high in the government examination, and all the classes were commended. It is a pleasure to see these girls growing up to be true Christian women. Many of them will be village workers by and by. The Cawnpore school sustains its well-earned reputation. The two girls who are in the Dufferin dispensary are well spoken of by the doctor in charge, and are learning to be very useful. Two of the older girls express a desire to study medicine when they have finished their studies.

We feared Miss Bobenhouse would not be strong enough to hold the work in the Aligarh school, but she has improved in health and enjoys her work. The school is doing well. I am pleased with the knowledge of the Bible which those poor waifs from heathendom are gaining both in Aligarh and Allahabad, where eighty children, large and small, are learning to love the one true God. It is wonderful how quickly these poor, ignorant children, who seem not far above animals when they come to us, develop and learn. In Ajmer we find the same is true, and this is what makes our school work so full of interest.

The work of the several districts in our conference, so far as the reports have reached me, is going forward as well as possible with the limited number of workers. The supply does not equal the demand. It is pitiable sometimes to hear people say, "Why do you not send us teachers? If your religion is better than ours, why do you not teach us?" We are doing the best we can; but, oh ! how much there is yet to do!

The work on the Punjab district will be one of our best and most profitable investments. For years we have felt that we were missing an opportunity in not taking hold of that part of India as if we meant to

take it for Christ. For years this work has been carried on under great difficulties of distances and languages. From Mussouri, on the Himalaya mountains, to Multan, away up in the sandy desert of Sindh, is a distance of 500 miles. The Punjab has a population of 25,000,000, who speak a language all their own and very different from that spoken in any of the Northwest provinces. The customs are also entirely different. Heretofore and even now we have had to import our workers from other parts of the country. This has proven in a measure a failure. They do not readily adapt themselves to new and strange conditions, hence become dissatisfied and in the end return to their own province. The time has come for us to begin at the beginning and open up boarding schools for the people of the Punjab alone and educate and train our own workers.

Will not the workers at home make this great and needy field a subject of special prayer, and enter it with heart and means, and—conquer?

MATILDA WATSON,

Official Correspondent.

SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference, 1876.

Re-organized, 1886.

MISSIONARIES.

Haiderabad.

CATHARINE WOOD,
ALICE EVANS,
ELIZABETH WELLS.

Kolar.

FANNIE F. FISHER,
FLORENCE MARKELL,
GRACE M. WOODS.

Madras.

GRACE STEPHENS.

Raichur.

MARGARET B. CARVER.

Raipur.

EMILY L. HARVEY.

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

Raipur.

MRS. G. K. GILDER.

Bidar.

MRS. A. E. COOK.

With this white field calling continuously for more reapers, how inexplicable the Providence that removed Miss Delia A. Fuller, November 14th, from a section so needy and so promising as Sironcha. Encouraged by the souls already harvested and the many more turn-

ing toward the Light, she wrote, "There is positively no limit to opportunities for successful work save workers and money." Satisfied that she was where God had placed her, she was planning for advance and improvement to property that would tend toward self support.

The women and the children waiting for instruction, our buildings vacant and unprotected, and Miss Fuller's lonely grave, all call loudly for two missionaries, one of them having had experience in India.

RAIPUR. Godavery District, with an area as large as the State of Ohio, contains four millions of unevangelized souls, and Raipur City and Circuit eight hundred thousand women and girls for whom nothing was being done till Rev. George K. Gilder, presiding elder of the district, assisted by personal friends and famine funds, came to their relief.

In 1899, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, through the Baltimore Branch, entered the field, and its growth has been phenomenal.

Supervision of the work has passed from the hands of Mrs. Gilder to those of Miss Emily L. Harvey, who says: "I have never in India found people so accessible to the Gospel as are these. They are literally waiting for it; hungry for the Bread of Life." Twenty-five acres have been purchased, and \$1,500 pledged for the first building, an orphanage. We have also united with the General Missionary Society in the purchase of two acres for a burial lot.

BIDAR. The small appropriation made for this place has been used to support girls in Raichur Boarding School, Hyderabad. Notwithstanding the removal of a valuable assistant in zenana work, and Miss Evans' absence, all departments of work have been carried on, and the Boarding School has had a remarkably prosperous year. Miss Wood has secured a desirable piece of property, well located, for a Zenana Home.

VIKARABAD. There is an excellent opening for our work here, and a lease of land has been secured. We are urged to build Deaconess' Home and dormitories. Bangalore sends an urgent appeal for two missionaries, Mrs. Buttrick's supervision being withdrawn by her return to England. There is a fine opening here, it is said, for English work, and could we take on the Baldwin School it would soon be self-supporting and an honor to the mission.

KOLAR. Miss Maskell's large work is being vigorously and successfully pushed. The boarding school and orphanage in Miss Fisher's hands has been faithfully cared for by Miss Woods.

RAICHUR. Miss Carver is most grateful for the \$225, which put up the temporary dormitories, and by this time she probably has purchased the coveted piece of land for new buildings. She says Raichur District is a fruitful field; the people are turning to Christianity by whole villages

and are offering to support their pastors. As a consequence, her school is growing in favor, and a daughter of the chief Mohammedan official in Raichur is a pupil. This man is chairman of the Board of Public Instruction, and she hopes through his influence and that of the director to secure the grant in aid for which she applied. Twenty girls, recently asked to be received into the church. Of this number she selected ten, and they, with five probationers, have been formed into a class for instruction, preparatory to reception into the church.

MADRAS. Work progresses very favorably in all departments. More villages are visited, more zenanas entered, and the schools are larger in numbers. Every branch feels the invigorating touch of Miss Stephens, its superintendent. Upon her landing in Bombay, letters and telegrams of greeting poured in upon her, and a splendid ovation marked her entrance into Madras. The surprise of her life was the Gateway to the Compound, erected in her absence by Baltimore Branch. The tablet bears this inscription: Memorial to Grace Stephens, Superintendent Madras Mission Work, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Erected by Baltimore Branch. "Give her of the fruit of her hands; let her own works praise her in the gates." It is called a Rajah's gateway. Miss Stephens has copied some of our methods; notably the use of mite-boxes. They are placed in the Caste Girls' School and in the poor schools of the villages, the latter receiving not money, but rice; oftentimes a portion of the small daily allowance of the child's food. A girl came into possession of two small coins. Her first thought was to spend them upon herself, but remembering the mite-box she started on a run to reach it. Pursued by the temptation to self-gratification, she ran the faster, and reaching the school almost breathless, she exclaimed: "Get the mite-box, quick." In Bethesda—the little house by the gate—come every Wednesday afternoon the poor, the diseased, the halt and the blind who have been led to Christ, for further instruction. At close of the meeting each one receives half of a loaf of white bread, probably the only good meal they will have till they come again. One day of the month Miss Stephens has a zenana-at-home day, when the ladies are free to pay her a visit, and they avail themselves of the opportunity. In the home is what she calls her Bethel; a room set apart for prayer, and before any worker living on the premises, or outside, sets out for the daily task they come there for prayer. And she claims that the many idols and other trophies brought in are God's answers to these prayers. One large idol called Bamah, dressed in costly, gorgeous robes, Dr. Rudisill says, eclipses those of the Pope of Rome. But the most extraordinary is a photograph of the Great High Priest of India, and he an uncle to Sooboonagam Ammal, her mother's

own brother. The photo was worshipped for four years; the devotee, a pupil of Sooboo's, giving it to her because she had learned to worship the true God. Sooboonagam is doing a beautiful work in a beautiful spirit. She and Menambal occupy the Nicodemus House, living in sweet accord and witnessing to the truth of the promise made to those who have left kindred or lands for His sake and the Gospel's.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. STEVENS, *Official Correspondent.*

BOMBAY CONFERENCE.

*Organized as a Conference 1892.
Woman's Work Commenced 1884.*

MISSIONARIES.

<i>Basim.</i>	<i>Godra.</i>	<i>Khandwa.</i>
MARTHA J. MILLER.	ANNA A. ABBOTT.	ANNA R. ELICKER.
<i>Baroda.</i>		
MARY E. WILLIAMS.	<i>Jabalpur.</i>	<i>Poona.</i>
<i>Bombay.</i>	NETTIE M. HYDE,	ESTELLE M. FILES,
CHRISTINA H. LAWSON,	LOUISE HEAFER,	MARTELIE ELLIOTT.
ELIZABETH W. NICHOLS.	FANNIE A. BENNETT.	*ELIZABETH M. BENTHEIN.

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. M. D. ABBOTT,	MRS. E. B. FREASE,	MRS. W. L. CLARKE,
MRS. ROBBINS,	*MRS. F. R. FELT,	MRS. E. W. PARK.
MRS. D. O. FOX,	MRS. R. G. WARD,	

*Home on leave.

OTHER LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. DR. STEPHENS,	MISS HOLM,	MRS. VARDON.
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IN CHARGE OF ENGLISH WORK.

MRS. W. H. STEPHENS,	MRS. L. E. LINZELL,	MRS. H. E. CALKINS,
MRS. WOOD,	MRS. OSBORNE.	

BOMBAY DISTRICT, *Bombay*.—The evangelistic work in this place is under the supervision of Miss Nichols, of the New York Branch. The past months have been full of trial. The first blow fell when Miss Robinson was transferred to North India. This was followed by the sudden death of Mrs. Fritchley, who for years has been the faithful Zenana teacher in the homes of scores of women.

Orphanage.—By the transfer of Miss Miller to Basim, Miss Lawson (New York Branch) on her return to India, was enabled to resume the charge of this work where her many duties, in addition to the responsibility of the Telegaon School, keep both heart and hands full to overflowing. There have been a number of conversions among the girls, and others have received new inspiration from meetings held during the month of April.

Boarding School.—Of this institution Miss Lawson writes: "After thirteen months' furlough I arrived in Bombay, December 7th, and on January 1st took charge of the school.

I found many changes, for from August to November, there had been thirty-three deaths and others were still weak from the disease that had carried off so many. Since January six of these have passed away and four others, two from acute and two from lingering diseases.

Seventeen girls I received from the famine districts in 1900 just before going home, were recently found to belong to another mission. The mistake came through the deceit of a native worker in that district. Of course we returned the girls to their homes. By death and removals the school has lost during the year, 79 girls. There have been 23 admissions, making the number now enrolled 104.

The girls have advanced spiritually and in April there were several conversions and others received a new impetus in their Christian life.

At the annual inspection in November all did well and the fancy work made for inspection was sold at conference for rupees twenty-five.

Some necessary repairs have been made to the buildings, also some changes in arrangement of rooms, making the place more comfortable and healthful."

Telegaon Branch School.—Since January the Telegaon Orphanage has been supervised from Bombay. We were fortunate in securing Miss Phillips, an English lady, to take charge, and she has been doing excellent work. Continued attacks of fever, however, make it necessary for her to give up the position, and as we find the facilities for industrial work in Telegaon very poor and the number of girls has greatly decreased, arrangements are being made to remove the girls to other institutions.

Work in Zenanas and City Schools. Miss Nicholls writes: "You have heard before from me how wonderfully God continues to open doors for us in this old plague-stricken city of Bombay. The houses we visit weekly number about 200, but this, of course, does not include the number of women to whom we have had the privilege of speaking the word of God; possibly they number from 1,200 to 1,500 weekly."

The word of God is received with gladness by many of these dear women. We can only praise Him when we see the eagerness with which they welcome us and give a chair or spread a mat on the floor for us to sit on, and then say, "Don't go yet ; sit a little longer," calling forth from us more words of a Saviour's love and tenderness.

A very marked feature in our work of late has been the delight many of the high caste ladies take in coming to our bungalow. They take tea and cake with us, after which, at their own request, we sing a number of gospel hymns. This freedom was a thing unknown a few years ago.

In February, Mrs. Fritchley, one of our workers, was suddenly called to her heavenly home, and it is quite touching to hear these women speak so lovingly and tenderly of her ministry to them.

Our city schools have maintained a fairly regular attendance during the year, and the children are usually responsive to scripture truths. Our great need now is the funds to open a high caste school for Jeudah girls (secluded). These girls are only allowed to go to school until twelve years of age, so, if we are going to reach them at all we must not delay, for "now is the accepted time". The number enrolled at present on our city school book is 60.

The *Marathi Woman's Friend* has been edited monthly and is much appreciated by those who read it.

POONA. Taylor High School, in charge of Misses Elliott and Files, is having a very successful year. Miss Files, by her long experience, has already made herself invaluable to the school by her work in charge of the kindergarten and teachers' training class. At the last annual examination 75 per cent. of the pupils sent up passed, and the three sent up for college entrance all passed. Two are employed in our mission and one has gone to a medical school to prepare for wider usefulness. Miss Elliott writes : "There are Scotch, Irish, Welsh, English, Australian, Norwegian, American, West Indian, Portuguese, Eurasian, Hindu, native Christian and Jews enrolled. Two children have come all the way from Africa to attend this school, and the parents of two others are in China. The majority of the pupils are orphans. There are three circles of King's Daughters and a Little Light Bearers Mission Band, which is supporting a little famine girl. We have been re-enforced this year by Miss McReddie and Miss D'Cruize, two B. A.'s from the Isabella Thoburn College.

One day I was looking worried and a little five-year-old said, "Are you worried, Miss Elliott?" I said, "Yes, dear." Her answer was, "Don't worry, Miss Elliott ; just write a letter to God and tell Him all about it."

Marathi Day Schools. Mrs. Fox reports for this work : "At present Poona is free from plague and famine, and the schools have

assumed a most, cheerful aspect. In one school we have pupils whose mothers only a few years ago were among our brightest scholars. We frequently meet the old girls, now become matrons, and in almost every instance find they are still praying to Jesus and reading the Testaments which we gave them when they left the schools. Some, who are not permitted to read the Scriptures in their husband's homes, enjoy this privilege on visiting their parents.

Whenever we meet these dear girls there is always a happy recognition and clinging affection on their part that appeals most strongly to our sympathy. Doubtless many would be out-and-out Christians were they free to follow their own desires.

Hindustani Zenana Work. Mrs. Varden has charge of this work and praises God for "listening ears" and "open doors". The number of houses regularly visited has increased, "the causes of which are two, namely, "*the Lord's blessing on the work*" and "*the timely increase sent by our society.*" A little while ago a Mohommedan woman sent for Mrs. Varden and asked if her religion had any message in it for poor women and she was glad to tell the old, old story to such a listener.

Report of Poona Medical Work. Mrs. Stephens writes : Our hearts have been made glad many times by seeing our efforts to relieve the physical suffering of these poor women and children successful. We have been especially successful in our work among children, and it is as well it is so, as I treat the children from five different schools. The present year has thus far been a very healthy one. Notwithstanding this I have prescribed for nearly one hundred children per month, and many of these have had their medicines repeated several times. I am thankful to say there has been no serious epidemic of any kind. I have many times said one sees little results spiritually from an out-patient's department, but we can only go on sowing, and many times our seeds are very small indeed, and consist perhaps of only a smile, together with a loving interest in, a solicitude for, the suffering one—and these, coupled with a gentle touch in examining and dressing, are not lost on those who, to say the best, do not receive over and above their share of kindness. However, in the midst of all these poor patients I have lately had two from a different class of society—one, Tai Maharaj, a widowed princess, who has everything in the way of wealth, but alas no son to perpetuate the name and title. On the day I was called to see her the lawyers were coming to make out the adoption papers in favor of a nice looking lad of about 17 or 18 years. She was too ill to sit up and I was asked to leave a note requesting the officers to allow her to sign the papers while lying down, The other was the wife of a Brahman lawyer of great wealth, who was brought to Poona so I could attend her in her

confinement. This I did and all passed off well; but just as the nurse was about to bathe the baby I was told to "bide a wee," and in came the father and the family priest. The father proceeded to put a bit of gold dipped in sacred oil in the child's mouth (he never even looked toward the mother) to touch its forehead, chin and cheeks. Then the priest read the child's horoscope (fortune) from some sort of an almanac. It gave the time when he should be named, his fortune, his success in life, length of life, etc., and so far as I could, gather was a most fortunate horoscope. They then left us to finish our work in peace. The next day when I called I found a band had been engaged to sit in the garden and play in honor of the grand event of the birth of a son. Almost every time I called some new ceremony was in progress. On the seventh day the whole place was almost deluged. A number of people had been hired to carry and pour water in the verandah. I suppose the idea was to purify the place, not knowing that outward washings cannot cleanse the soul. I trust that some seeds we dropped may bring forth fruit. I should like to say something also about a purdah party I had, at which a young Hindoo girl played on the piano, and also of my Saturday morning beggar's class, where from 60 to 100 hear the Gospel every Saturday and afterwards get a pice each. In all these ways we try to spread abroad the knowledge of the love of Jesus.

CENTRAL PROVINCES DISTRICT. *Basim.* Mrs. Moore, who has had charge of this work for so many years, was obliged to return to America, owing to ill health; and Miss Miller, whose knowledge of Marathi made her just the one for the place, was sent to take charge. She says that owing to Mrs. Moore's discipline in the past years, the work was very easy to take up and the school is progressing beautifully. There are at present 82 girls on the roll. "Many know the Lord and testify to the keeping power of Christ."

"Zanana work (or rather house to house visitation, as we have no proper Zenanas in Basim) is also very encouraging. The four women who work in Basim City are cordially received and the gospel is listened to with interest. We are admitted into many high caste homes, and many express their belief in Christ although they have not courage to publicly confess Him. We also have bible-women at two out-stations. The seed is taking root and we expect ere long to see it spring up and bear fruit."

Kampti. Mrs. Clarke writes most encouragingly of her work in this station, especially among the high caste women. "A young wife when very ill requested that prayer be made to the Christian's God for her recovery." Another requested that she be visited every day that she might hear the story of Christ. "The village work has been very satis-

factory and one woman has made a public confession of Christ and been baptized. The hopes for the day school are in the future, when the girls will have homes of their own. One bright girl died very suddenly, but left a beautiful testimony of her faith in Christ."

Khandwa Boarding School and Orphanage. Miss Elicker reports: "Early in January we had a few meetings with the girls, when many of them gave their hearts to the Lord. We notice a change for the better in their lives. The older girls are much interested in their Bible study, and each is eager to possess a Bible of her own. Many have bought them with money earned by making lace. While at Pachmarlle I sold 40 rupees' worth of lace. We have quite a nursery of babies. Within the last ten months we have taken in six, varying in age from seven days to two years. The last is an English child, seven days old, whose mother died and the father came to us for help in his distress. We are only keeping it until other arrangements can be made. Another blessing of this year is a good matron, who relieves me of much anxiety."

KHANDWA. *Zenana Work*, under Mrs. Abbott's supervision, is doing nicely. "We were much encouraged," she writes, "in visiting a village where a worker had been placed a few months previous, to see how readily the Christian girls were learning to read and to hear them repeat the Lord's prayer and ten commandments, also to sing the hymns. One of our women working among a low caste has lately gained access to homes of higher caste, and the women hear her gladly, saying, 'We thought this new teaching only intended for the 'low caste'; now we see it is intended for everybody.'" At Barhanpur the native pastor reports the women as being cheerfully received wherever they go, both in town and villages.

JABALPUR. *Boarding School and Orphanage.* Miss Hyde says of this institution: "Looking back over the first six months of the year 1902, I can see how different from our proposal has been God's disposal, and I can praise Him for His wisdom and tender mercies, which have been unailing. During the visit Mrs. Calkins made to the churches here, the longed-for revival came. Scores of our dear girls gave their hearts to Christ, and we are seeing the fruits in their lives, though they are indeed 'babies in Christ.' The health of the school has improved much during these months and was especially good during May and June. The educational work has been very satisfactory. The class which made such a good record in 1901 has again been the banner class, 79 out of 80 having passed. With a stronger corps of teachers good records could be made in all the classes. A few of our great blessings are: Dr. Norton, soon to be with us; Miss Bennett's steady improvement in health, and my own almost perfect health during the strain of heavy work in the hot season. There are 300 girls in the school.

The Zenana Work is making as much progress as can be expected under the circumstances. Unmarried girls cannot go into this work safely, and owing to the "cut" in the Parent Board appropriations and their inability to take on more male workers, there are fewer married women to be employed. Then, too, the other societies at work in the station pay higher salaries than we can afford to give, thus cutting off our supply in another direction. The two city schools have been carried on under difficult circumstances, and for a time one has been closed, though it is hoped it may be re-opened soon or another in its place. Miss Heafer has charge of this work.

NARSINGHPUR. Eight bible-women and one assistant in Narsinghpur have done faithful work among the women of the town and in several of the surrounding villages. Many of these women have learned several of our hymns and are familiar with parts of the Bible; and we know that some of them have given up idolatry. The women in the training class have made fair progress in their studies. In the out stations our three bible-women have been aggressive in their work; one has in addition to going regularly to the best houses of her village two hours a week, taught the Bible and Christian hymns to the girls in the Government Girls' School, taught by a Brahmin. In Gadawara we are encouraged by the attitude of the better class of Mohammedan women. During the past month we have commenced work in a new village. The wife of our preacher, already there, opened 17 houses and has a promising Sunday school.

BARODA. Miss Williams says: "There seems to be every prospect now that the long delayed purchase of a permanent site for our school is now about to be consummated. The details are now being arranged and it is hoped to have the matter so far completed that the buildings can be begun immediately after the monsoon, and at least, a part of it occupied by January, 1903.

The regular school work has gone on steadily with zeal, and the examinations passed were in the most cases satisfactory. The girls are instructed in all kinds of housework and it is with satisfaction that we see them developing into useful, all-round women with their hands trained as well as their minds. We aim to make our school a home where our girls can be fitted for true usefulness in any position in which they may be placed.

During the year a series of revival meetings were held in which twenty-five of the girls signified their wish and purpose to consecrate their lives to the service of Christ. Some are looking forward to active missionary work, and we are expecting much from their lives thus consecrated in their youth to the Master's service.

The year opened bright with hope for the future ; it closes with hope realized and strong faith that He who has so wonderfully helped in the past, will abundantly bless in the days to come."

GUJARAT, INDIA. *Evangelistic Work.* A deaconess writes: "One could not, if one wanted to, take a pessimistic view of the evangelistic work in Gujarat. It was my privilege to be appointed to this work in January, 1902. As soon as possible a trip was made on the circuits allotted to my charge. On the Ord Circuit we have splendid opportunities. Every day during my visit there, my bible-woman and myself went to one or two of the villages, as time allowed, and held meetings. Sometimes inside of a house, other times in front of the house. Large numbers attended, some with their babies, others turned in on their way home from the well, to hear the Gospel of the water of life. We have a night school at Ord and a Sunday school. Evangelistic work is carried on briskly.

Vaso.—The work here is of an intensely interesting nature. When visiting there, we found a woman dying of plague, but when asked if it was all right, her face lighted up and she told us she belonged to Jesus.

We held some meetings for women in the house of the native pastor. The place was quite full and we had to turn some men away who wanted to come. At Navagam we have a flourishing day school, conducted by one of the women. She is so faithful in all she does. We need what the early church enjoyed, more of the power of the Spirit."

BENGAL CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference 1886.

Re-organized 1893.

Woman's Work Commenced 1882.

MISSIONARIES,

Asansol.

MIRIAM FORSTER.

Darjeeling.

EMMA L. KNOWLES,
JOSEPHINE STAHL,

JULIA WISNER,
MARY V. MCKINLEY.

Calcutta.

KATE A. BLAIR,
JENNIE MOYER,

ELIZABETH MAXEY,
ANNA SUDERSTROM,

CARRIE SAMSON.

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. J. E. ROBINSON,
MRS. J. CULSHAN,
MRS. F. W. WARNE,

MRS. ADA LEE,
MRS. J. P. MEIK,
MRS. W. P. BYERS.

The Girls' School in Calcutta, under Miss Samson's care, is growing in numbers and influence. She has had royal helpers in Misses Stores and Henkle. The former has the higher classes in her department, and under her skillful training the scholarship of that grade has greatly improved. Miss Stores is a rare teacher and gives her services without remuneration.

Miss Henkle has not been strong this year, but has been full of zeal for, and interest in, the work which has fallen into her hands.

Miss Samson has taken several of her older girls on her teaching staff and has sent one to Muttra.

The Girls' School at Darjeeling has grown rapidly in numbers and in favor with the people. The new building, the Almira Pierce Hall, was finished and occupied early in April. It is a three story building, strongly built, and very comfortable and convenient. Seventy-three pupils have been in attendance, forty of whom were boarders. A goodly number of them have been converted. Miss Knowles has rare power in leading these girls into sincere and earnest Christian lives. She has a profound conviction that the wonderful way in which this work has been

reopened clearly indicates that it is God's plan for a great work, and she is giving herself to it with her wonted zeal and enthusiasm. Miss McKinley and Miss Wisner are her valuable helpers in teaching and training these young girls. Miss Wisner is not strong, but the bracing air of Darjeeling makes it possible for her to remain in India, where she is doing good work teaching the higher classes.

A promise of Rs. 20,000 from the government to aid in the purchase of the property has greatly encouraged our workers in Darjeeling. Some Nepaulese Christian girls have gathered a Sunday School class of wild looking and very dirty children, and are trying to instill into their hearts the blessed Gospel truths that have brought such light and peace into their own lives. No better proof of the genuineness of their own Christian experience could be given than this desire for the salvation of others.

MAZUFFERPORE. This is a splendid field, but sadly needs good, thorough work. The woman's work is barely living. One lone assistant has carried the work, keeping her twenty-five pupils in good order, beside doing considerable zenana and Mohulla visiting, where she found ready listeners to her message of hope and love. If a steady worker could be sent to this accessible people, many would soon be preparing for baptism.

Miss Maxey has been sick almost all the year, and sends an earnest request that some one shall be sent to her relief. Misses Blair and Moyer have worked together at Tumlook this year, but have failed to send any report.

Mrs. Byers has had a prosperous year at Asansole, but the added care of the work at Mazufferpore has made her duties too heavy for her, and she, too, must be relieved as soon as possible.

PAKUR. Mrs. Meik has had no helper at Pakur since Miss Jacobson came to America, and the care of her own little family has left her but little time for supervising the interests of the school. Let us hope that the new building will give a new impetus to the work at Pakur.

Mrs. Lieden has patiently and lovingly labored to uplift the women of Bolpur. At first it seemed almost a hopeless task to teach them to sew or knit. After they had learned button making, she taught them crocheting and sewing. In addition to her Bible classes, Mrs. Lieden held a weekly mother's meeting, and this, added to the work of a good bible-woman, is bringing light and hope to the darkened minds of these poor women.

Mrs. Lee writes of most interesting work by the bible-women, and

of successful tours taken by herself and husband. Her six day schools are growing in interest and attendance.

The greatness of the harvest and the fewness of the laborers is the burden of every letter from Bengal.

The further depletion of the ranks this year has increased the burden of the little band of faithful, tried and true women who represent us in that needy field. Amid all that is depressing and discouraging the infinite power of One who "shall never fail nor be discouraged" is undermining the great fabric of heathenism and surely bringing nearer the time when "the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ".

A sign of His coming kingdom was shown when a congress, with representatives from all parts of India, met in Calcutta recently, and they were obliged to use the English language in order to understand each other, and while the touch of modern civilization is not always benign, a universal language will bring all within reach of Christian helpfulness.

MRS. CHARLOTTE O'NEAL,

Official Correspondent.

MAYLASIA

Including Philippine Islands.

Organized as a Mission 1887, as a Mission Conference 1893.

MISSIONARIES.

<i>Singapore.</i>	<i>Penang.</i>	<i>Taipeng.</i>
SOPHIA BLACKMORE,	CLARA MARTIN,	ETHEL JACKSON.
*MARY B. LILLY,	IDA ELLIS.	
EDITH A. HEMINGWAY,	<i>Kuala Lampor.</i>	
MARY A. CODY.	MRS. MARY MEEK,	
	R. LUELLA ANDERSON.	

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

<i>Ipoh.</i>	<i>Singapore.</i>
MRS. H. L. E. LUERING.	MRS. J. R. DENYES.
<i>Penang.</i>	<i>Philippines.</i>
MRS. G. F. PYKETT.	MRS. N. M. McLAUGHLIN.

*Home on leave.

In the fifteen years since the Maylasia Mission began its existence most encouraging results have been attained and the work grown beyond expectation. The beautiful Deaconess Home in Singapore is a house of

blessing to more than fifty girls, and a center from which radiates many lines of influence. The devoted Miss Blackmore is ever on the alert for opportunities to advance the cause of Christ among the people. As house-keeper, teacher, evangelistic worker, friend and adviser she is constantly busy and eminently successful in all she undertakes to do. The matron, who has been her faithful helper for the past six years, died during the year. The evangelistic work is carried on principally through the eight home schools in the homes. Many more such schools could be carried on if there were only more workers.

The Bible Training School has made a satisfactory beginning. There is such a demand for trained bible-women, and their services so eagerly sought after, that the school was and is a necessity.

The Singapore Methodist Girls' School numbers as high as 165, including the kindergarten. Miss Lilly's home-coming in March left the school without a head. Miss Cody was the only one who was available to take charge. She has had the work of two missionaries to do. She has been anxiously looking for some one to come to her relief, but as yet no one has been sent. The kindergarten training class had to be given up, as it was impossible for Miss Cody to continue that work. We plead for another missionary for Singapore to take charge of the Girls' school at once, or both school and kindergarten will have to be given up. Miss Hemingway, at Teluk Ayer, has 80 children enrolled in her school. The building is crowded, and a new building in another locality is much desired. There are six and eight pupils at one desk; the desks often go to pieces beyond repair, owing to the ravages of white ants.

Miss Hemingway has also a boys' class in the Anglo-Chinese school of from 75 to 100. Visits to the leper hospital are included in her evangelistic work.

At Kwala Lampor Miss Anderson is singing the gospel into the hearts and lives of her pupils. Miss Anderson writes:

"We try to keep in mind that all of our work should be done for the glory of God. Believing in the refining, uplifting and transforming power of music on our lives, we have earnestly sought to promote its influence among our girls. I try to do some evangelistic work, principally among the Tamils, and here there is a wide field for that work.

There is a constant demand for a boarding school, and many bright, interesting children are slipping away from us into the convent ever open to receive them. We hope arrangements can be made soon when we can have a Protestant boarding school in Kwala Lampor."

Mrs. Meek has 45 scholars in the Kwala Lampor school. The written examinations at close of the school were very satisfactory. Two of the girls come every Saturday morning to study the book of Mark. One is

from a Buddhist home, where they have a private temple. This girl is the idol of her father, who plainly says she is his favorite child. "She is interested in the Bible lessons, yet is loyal to her father. If she should openly announce herself a Christian, the wrath of her father would be more than any mortal girl dare oppose."

Mrs. Meek is just recovering from an attack of Dengue fever, and is far from strong, yet doing her usual work.

Mrs. Leuring at Ipoh has had a very successful year with 35 pupils. She has been assisted in the evangelistic work by a faithful old Chinese bible-woman, and in the school work by Mrs. Paul, the Tamil pastor's wife. Mrs. Leuring says: "For the last three years we have urged the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to see the great need of deaconess work here, as we see it.

"As to my personal work, I wish to say that I have spent every school day in the year in school, which considering the fact that I am a mother of six children, who all need my help, can scarcely be considered fair to my family, but I have done this work because it is of so much importance, and because there was no one else to take it up. I now ask the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to release me from this work and send a deaconess at once to take it up."

Dr. Leuring says, "I would urge upon the ladies at home the need of the southern half of the state of Perak, that is, the circuit of Ipoh, with regard to woman's work. We have here a growing girls' school and no competition whatever, as an educational and evangelistic agency, but have failed as yet to secure a deaconess. I have offered to build a deaconess home from local contributions free of charge to the home committee, if a suitable lady would be appointed. Hitherto my wife, and native assistants have done the arduous work aside from her home duties. I feel that it is far too much for her to do and hope that a change may soon be effected."

The work in Penang continues to grow despite the uncomfortable quarters in which our school and missionaries are located. The Charlotte S. Winchell Home has been slow in materializing, but we trust this year will witness its completion. Miss Martin will come home in the spring and we hope our new missionary will be in the field before that time. Miss Ellis cannot carry on the work alone. Mrs. Pykett is happy in the completion of the new Rescue Home, a suitable and commodious building all paid for on the field.

Miss Jackson, at Taipeng, has been having success, although under very discouraging circumstances occasioned by the newness of the work and no funds at her command.

There are forty-three girls enrolled in the day school, also Sunday

school and Bible classes for both boys and girls. A house school will soon be started among the Tamils, who are too timid to go to the day school. Dr. West speaks in highest terms of Miss Jackson and her work.

Dr. Leuring writes, "Our Mission in Taipeng opens up for us the whole north of the state of Perak, which portion contains 5000 square miles, just as our chief station, Ipoh, commands the other half of the territory, viz :—another 5,000 square miles. Our educational work in the state with schools at Ipoh, Teluk, Anson and Taipeng, have given us a position before the government which has always been highly appreciated and commended by those in authority. The government has always assisted us in grants-in-aid, gifts of land and houses for educational purposes, and will surely continue their policy so long as we do more efficient work than other educational agencies. You are aware that a beautiful Girls Boarding School has been given us by the government, which aside from the large plot of land on which it is built, represents a value of \$3,000, and is sure to increase in value from year to year.

We are requested to make some appropriation for Miss Jackson's special needs in getting her work well organized.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. The last but not the least in the Malaysia department is our rapidly growing work in the Philippines. It has been difficult to adjust the form of work best suited to the changing conditions of the native element.

The United States government having organized the public school system of education, we could not undertake educational work at this time.

Dr. Stuntz, who has charge in the Philippines, has been making a careful study of the needs for the work among the women and has decided that the deaconess work is best suited for the present. In the early summer a valuable and desirable piece of property was unexpectedly thrown upon the market. Some of the army officers, who are interested in the spiritual development of our new possessions, advanced the money from their own private means to make the first payment on the property in order to hold it for Methodism. One of the houses is very suitable for a Deaconess Home and Training School. There are many native women, who have become most earnest Christians and are anxious to bring others into like experience, but there is no one to teach them the art of soul winning. We are happy, however, to say an organizer of unusual ability feels called to do this kind of work in the Philippines, and will be ready to go as soon as all the preliminary plans are perfected. The home which has been offered to the Woman's

Foreign Missionary Society will be available as soon as the worker is ready to go. The property cost the purchasers \$6,500 and it has all been provided for by the various branches.

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CHINA.

FOOCHOW CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference 1877.

Woman's Work Commenced by Baltimore Ladies' China Missionary Society 1858.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Commenced Work 1871.

MISSIONARIES.

Foochow.

CARRIE I. JEWELL,	JULIA A. BONAFIELD,	LYDIA A. WILKINSON,
ELLEN LYON, M. D.,	HU KING ENG, M. D.,	FLORENCE PLUMB,
*JEANNE ADAMS,	PHEBE L. PARKINSON,	PHEBE WELLS.
	MRS. SUSAN TIPPETT,	

Ming Chiang.

MAE E. CARLETON, M. D.,	ISABELLA LONGSTREET,	MARY PETERS.
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Ku Cheng.

WILMA H. ROUSE,	E. MARGUERITE GLENK.
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Hok Chiang.

*LYDIA A. TRIMBLE,	MABEL ALLEN,	LUELLA MASTERS, M. D.
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Jong Bing.

MABEL C. HARTFORD,	ALICE LINAM.
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MINISTERS' WIVES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. EMMA NIND LACY,	MRS. HATTIE C. WILCOX.
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*Home on leave.

FOOCHOW. Miss Wilkinson and Miss Plumb were appointed to the Girls' Boarding School and day schools.

Miss Wilkinson, reporting for the Boarding School, strikes her harp with a jubilate in praise of Him who hath comforted His people and will have mercy upon His afflicted. The enrollment for both terms of the



conference year is one hundred and sixty. The largest class ever graduated from the school (10) finished the course and have begun the work of teachers. The class numbered eleven until November, when Pearle Mathews, one of the brightest and best, went joyfully home, to be forever with the Lord. Seven of the school's graduates are teaching all day, and four others are employed as personal teachers and do class-room work.

The school now employs but one male teacher all day and two others for one hour each day. Miss Plumb's illness would have been a much harder blow for the school had not two of these personal teachers by their knowledge of English, rendered invaluable assistance. Miss Plumb is greatly beloved by the pupils, and they greatly regretted her illness.

Day Schools. This year Foochow has twelve day schools, and they are doing well. As the Boarding School is turning out more teachers each year, and as calls for day schools multiply, more funds are required.

Conference Seminary. Miss Parkinson, in charge of the seminary, says: "God has kept us all in perfect health, and we praise Him for His watchful care and guidance." The enrollment for the year has been twenty-three. Three of these were Catholics, who, by reason of priestly interference, soon withdrew. Estimates for building and scholarships are renewed; Miss Wilkinson stating the scholarships are a necessity if the girls are to have enough English to be helpful to them and to others; the scholarships to be given solely as rewards of merit to those who have passed successively the first two years of the seminary course. Miss Parkinson has shared with Mrs. Tippet the care of the orphanage, and is grateful for so efficient a matron and faithful Amah. The children have been kept in health. Two of the older girls are doing drawn work, and proceeds of sales will help to clothe them. In addition to the number resident in the orphanage, there have been forty kindergarten and day pupils.

Woman's Training School and Romanized School. Miss Carrie I. Jewell in charge. Prevalence of cholera and plague delayed opening of schools till October. For a time five hundred were carried from the city gate daily, and that did not include the many who died in all the closely surrounding villages.

Miss Jewell returned to Foochow from her vacation September 20th, that she might, previous to opening the schools, make some changes in the building that, with a small outlay of money and a larger outlay of time and strength, would accommodate more women. Total enrollment for the year, forty-five. To Miss Jewell a specially pleasing

feature of the year was the punctuality of the women in returning for the opening of the school. "When forty women," says Miss Jewell, "who have lived in different homes, come together in one, and when work, study, home-life must all be planned together, it is inevitable for offenses to come, but it is remarkable how well they get on most of the time." Four who were probationers were received into full membership, and three joined on probation. There has been much house to house evangelistic work. The pupils grouped into divisions and so planned that each woman had her share of the work. Miss Jewell's rest and association with Christian workers in Japan were delightful, and she hoped to return invigorated in body and spirit to do better work for the Master.

Industrial Work. Miss Jeanne Adams is a personal illustration as well as teacher of that much-coveted object in all missions — self-support. With the love of Christ constraining, she renounced a life of ease and pleasure, and at her own expense went to Foochow, and since January 1, 1900, has maintained herself, bending her seemingly inexhaustible energy to instructing other women to be self-respecting and how to meet their needs. The untidy are taught to be clean, the indolent to be industrious, the wasteful to be frugal, and the blind to see Him who is the Light of the World.

Articles of beauty and utility made by these women find their way into brighter homes than theirs, and the sales hold "the wolf" at bay, though he often comes painfully near the door.

MING-CHIANG. *Woman's School.* Misses Longstreet and Glenk cared for the woman's school, the day schools, bible-women and their work in the district in Miss Peters' absence. After conference Miss Peters, accompanied by Miss Longstreet, returned to Ming-Chiang, she taking charge of the woman's school, Miss Longstreet of day schools and evangelistic work. She found a warm welcome on every side; perhaps the *most* hearty from the native Christians. She was so happy as to secure during the New Year vacation the same teacher she employed in the school before leaving for home. The school opened with the largest attendance they ever had. Miss Longstreet's illness preventing her return after New Year vacation, threw upon Miss Peters the additional burden of the work Miss Longstreet had accepted. She made a trip over the district in April and May and was much pleased with the work done in the schools and by the bible-women.

The work opened in new places is especially interesting. One school opened within the year has 27 pupils; some of them are women who cannot leave their work through the day, and so come at night. An excellent bible-woman is at work there; a good many have joined the church, and they are planning to build a house of worship. A desirable piece of land

has been purchased for the much-needed buildings, and the enclosing wall was probably built in September.

Dr. Carleton returned to Ming-Chiang the first week in October, and though matron and students were anxiously awaiting her arrival, she could not, on account of difficulties which arose in her absence, receive the students till a new agreement was made, and so it was the very last of November before students were received and the hospital opened.

Whenever doctor could get away from hospital routine there was some one waiting to conduct her to property that he was anxious to sell and which was just the place for her hospital. And so she has walked miles and miles to view land which she had no idea of buying. Every smile of approval sent the price up tens of dollars. No one at home, she says, can have any idea of the labor involved in the purchase of a piece of land. However, like all earthly ills, this had an end. Land was purchased, plans drawn, estimates submitted and accepted, and the hospital is being built. It makes the heart ache to read of the disadvantages under which this skilful surgeon has done her work—conditions which in America would not be tolerated for a day.

HOK-CHIANG AND NGU-CHENG DISTRICTS, Miss Allen in charge. The spring term of the Girls' Boarding School opened with 57 pupils, and five graduated in June, two of the number remaining as teachers. The kindergarten department, recently opened, is a great blessing to the little ones and the teacher—one of the first fruits of the Ngu-Cheng School—has done remarkably well. The women in the Romanized school represent two extremes, intelligence and stupidity. The latter have been invited to remain at home. Some of the bright ones who didn't know a letter when they entered school, are, after four months' instruction, reading the primer, catechism, four gospels and twenty hymns. A woman, quite advanced in years, after a few days of study, said to Miss Allen, her eyes brimming with tears: "The letters in my book are too small; I cannot see very well." She was directed to the chart on the wall and she soon learned all there was there. By that time she had glasses, and it was not long before she was able to read anywhere in the Bible, and the look of joy and satisfaction as she bends over its sacred pages is a sight worth seeing. There have been but sixteen pupils in the training school, as Miss Allen thought best to have all who enter first take the course in the Romanized school. Two of the sixteen graduated and have gone into bible woman's work. The children in the fifteen day schools were stimulated in their application to study by the promise made by Miss Trimble—a leaf from the Sunday School leaf cluster; and how proud and happy the successful ones were as they took the pictures home, and with what pride will they explain the same.

During New Year vacation the bible-woman and day school teachers come to Ngu-Cheng for two weeks' study. They begged for a month, but poor, neglected Hai-Tang must have the remainder of Miss Allen's time. She was much pleased with the work there and impressed anew by the open door and no missionary to enter.

KU-CHENG. *Boarding Schools*.—Three schools ought to be reported under this head. But the Romanized school, which has aimed to send out 40 women each year—women who have learned to read in four months, has had to be closed, because one pair of hands and one tired head could not direct so many departments. Girls' Boarding School has had a blessed year. The enrollment is not so large as last year, but the work has been first-class. This school has been in existence nine years, and 25 of its graduates are now teaching in day schools, and eleven more will go out in a few months. Four times in its history the school has been disorganized by troubles local or general. This has been an exceptional year; exemption from sickness and peace in our borders. The Woman's Training School has had its usual enrollment. Sunday and Thursday evening prayer-meetings have been a help in uniting the girls and women in Christian work. Many times the women have hesitated to take part in meetings in the presence of the girls, as they have felt the girls were so much better educated than they, but these union prayer-meetings have drawn them together. A new department for the deaf and dumb has just been started, and prayers are asked for that it may prove a blessing.

Evangelistic.—The church has been thrilled with Miss Glenk's report of the unparalleled turning to God in these districts; nothing like it ever before known. After a month spent among the villages she returned to Ku-Cheng with trophies of the conquering power of the Gospel; hundreds of idols, ancestral tablets, incense burners and other idolatrous things were surrendered to her—more than she could take away, and a bonfire was made of them in the street. Her report is replete with marvelous incidents of quick and piercing conviction for sin, followed by instantaneous release through believing on Him, who said, "I will in no wise cast out". But time and space fail to tell of superstitions destroyed; usages of a life time ignored; fetters removed from soul, mind and feet.

IONG BING DISTRICT.—Misses Hartford and Linam received their conference appointment to the work on this district and took up their abode in Yenping. Trials of house-cleaning and repairing, such as we experience, are simply play spells in comparison with what confronted them, and it was January before the Girls' and Woman's Boarding School was regularly opened, though previous to that a few who

could not be turned away were allowed to remain. There were many discouragements the first term, but on the whole, as the days slipped by they promised a prosperous year. Sickness had been averted until near the close of school; then dysentery became epidemic. There were many deaths and Miss Hartford's report is a chapter of woes. That she came through at all, that she escaped collapse let us praise God. Being in a Chinese house it was doubly hard to care for the sick and protect the well; sounds and odors permeated the entire house. Words cannot describe what they suffered from vermin, filth and heat; neither can words express Miss Hartford's gratitude to physicians of other missions who left their own work for weeks together, that they might bear the burdens of another, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Medical Work.—Dr. Lyon, in charge of Lieng-au Hospital, reports a full year, a busy year. Work in the hospital has gone on much the same. Three of our ladies, Misses Bosworth, Longstreet and Plumb, have been her patients in the Home. She reports the students doing well and hard at work. She is confident that 50 patients as the result of work in the hospital and teaching have accepted Christ, while many more have gone away thoughtful.

Woolston Memorial Hospital, Dr. Hu in charge. In April the first student graduated from this hospital—an event in its history. Owing to the smallness of the room only a few friends could be invited to witness the exercises and share in the pleasure of the occasion. The bible-woman reports patients who have heard the Word and received it with joy, 164.

NGUE-CHENG.—On account of lack of rain and scarcity of water Dr. Masters was obliged to close the hospital in March. She spent her vacation in Foochow, looking after Dr. Lyon's work while she was taking her vacation. Dr. Masters reports the number of enquirers as forty.

MRS. E. B. STEVENS, *Official Correspondent.*

HING-HUA CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference in 1896.

MISSIONARIES.

<i>Hing-Hua.</i>	<i>Sieng-Iu.</i>	<i>Ing-Chung.</i>
MINNIE E. WILSON, ELIZABETH W. VARNEY, PAULINE E. WESTCOTT.	*MARTHA LEBEUS, MARTHA NICOLAISEN.	ALTHEA M. TODD, JESSIE A. MARRIOTT.

*Home on leave.

It is a joy to be able to report at this time a better equipment for the work in Hing-Hua conference than for some years past, although all pressing needs, especially of workers, are not met. In Hing-Hua city the unsanitary native houses so long in use for the Hamilton Girls' School and the Juliet Turner Woman's Training School have been replaced by new and commodious buildings, suited to their purposes. By wise foresight and management these were constructed largely from material in the old buildings, the surplus stone being sold so as to nearly cover the cost of building. Mrs. Brewster has rendered valuable aid in superintending the erection of these buildings.

The girls' school will accommodate 100 or more boarders, besides furnishing a chapel and rooms for recitation and industrial work. Miss Varney is in charge. Her sphere embraces the mental, spiritual, physical and industrial training of the girls. No wonder she finds her strength sorely taxed under the strain.

One new missionary, Miss Westcott, has been sent during the year to reinforce the mission at this point. She reports herself as much interested in and drawn to the people. In writing of the school she says: "Special stress is laid upon Bible study. As the girls graduate they are employed as teachers in the school or sent out as day school teachers. All the large girls are taught to weave and cook, while all the students share in the household duties. Thus they are taught how to keep their own homes clean. This is most important, for the Chinese are very delinquent in regard to cleanliness. The students are very industrious. During school hours they are busy with their study, and in the interval they do their own laundry work as well as their sewing. Nearly all make their own shoes. I like to watch the process. A paper pattern is pasted on the material to be used. For their best shoes they use delicate fabrics, silk or wool. Then stamped upon the shoes are very elaborate embroid-

ery designs, which they work with colored silk thread. If they can afford leather they use it for soles, but often these are made of old cloth, pasted together, which serves the purpose very nicely. The rain shoes are made of felt, with wooden soles."

Miss Wilson has been greatly missed from the evangelistic and Bible training work, but she returns from her furlough this fall. A great loss has befallen the conference in the death of four efficient bible-women from plague.

SIENG-IU. Miss Lebeus and Miss Nicolaisen have been made more than thrice glad this year over special gifts for buildings, for which they have been praying. Money for completing the Isabel Hart Girls' School has been furnished by Baltimore Branch. The Germans, who are particularly interested in this station since the missionaries are theirs, have contributed the amount needed for a home, while an elect lady of the same nationality has pledged herself to build a memorial church, in place of one that is already outgrown, and to supply the greater part of the sum required for the erection of a hospital. With grateful hearts these missionaries declare all their needs supplied excepting for more missionaries. As Miss Lebeus has returned home on furlough, Miss Nicolaisen is now alone.

TEH-HOE, ING-CHUNG. Miss Todd writes from her far-away station of her joy in having Miss Marriott with her and of their gratitude for the new Woman's Training School. She says: "It is a pleasure to have the Carrie R. Donnell Memorial where but a few months ago there was only a vacant piece of land. This is the first time I have had a home of my own since I came to China seven years ago, so you may know I feel quite rich. We have accommodations for 32 students. Last year there were 31, and already there are applications for more than ten new students. Do you wonder where I shall put them? The home folks must help answer by supplying the money for a girls' school. It is strange to put up a woman's school and then have it more than full of girls. Several families — that is, the mothers and daughters — wish to come next term. Several will unbind their feet that they may be received into school. All are enthusiastic in praise of the new house, and it seemed hard to convince some that heaven could be any more beautiful.

"We have been longing for a trip over the district, but have been detained. Invitations are coming constantly. The preachers tell me that the women are waiting for the message. I was so happy to have one worker with me, now I am longing for another. Until we have one for each school and one for the district, we cannot expect to see things move as we would like. It takes six weeks for a flying trip over the district, and the poor women need more than this. They need some one to stay

and teach them. How many times I have wished I might stay a month in each place. This would mean that new students would come into the school, and new workers would be prepared to go to their people."

MRS. A. N. FISHER,
Official Correspondent.

NORTH CHINA.

*Woman's Work Organized 1871.
Conference Organized 1893.*

MISSIONARIES.

	<i>Peking.</i>	
MRS. C. M. JEWELL,		*ANNA GLOSS, M. D.
EFFIE G. YOUNG,		GERTRUDE GILMAN.
	<i>Tientsin.</i>	
MIRANDA CROUCHER,		EMMA MARTIN, M. D.,
MARY E. SHOCKLEY,		ELIZABETH MARTIN.
	<i>Tsun Hua.</i>	
EDNA G. TERRY, M. D.,		ELLA E. GLOVER.
	<i>Shantung.</i>	
RACHEL R. BENN, M. D.,		ANNA E. STEERE,
*FRANCES O. WILSON,		*IDA M. STEVENSON, M. D.

*Home on leave.

Our report from this field must be fragmentary, gathered from personal letters, as no formal report has been received. It may be well to preface with Bishop Moore's communication, in which he states that for practical reasons the women met in Tientsin for their conference while the annual conference was in session in Peking. Both societies have provided to re-open work on the old lines in Tsun Hua, and to send missionaries to Shan Hai Kuan. Bishop Moore says: "I visited Tsun Hua and a number of country appointments before the meeting. All had had their baptism of blood. Chapels had been rebuilt better than ever. All the people seemed well disposed, and every prospect was encouraging. In Tientsin you will need to sell out and get nearer the Chinese. Your property is in the French concession, is very valuable and should relegate with money to spare. This is very important and urgent. The Parent Mission proposes to sell out its compound, which will, of course, necessitate our removal."

Mrs. Jewell and Miss Gilman arrived in Peking about the middle of August, having been detained in Shanghai several days for passage

north. It was soon decided that Miss Gilman would be needed in Tientsin as long as the Peking school remains there.

The uniting of these three schools demanded more room for their accommodation. Some rooms in the hospital were utilized, but they were so cramped that they *must* have more room, and they added two or three rooms and made some changes in the old rooms, so that the congestion was somewhat relieved, but when the school year opened with an enrollment of one hundred and sixty pupils it was still quite a problem how all of this large family could be cared for in these limited quarters.

At the present time all are anxious for the school buildings to be ready for occupancy. As plans had not been forwarded to Peking, the waiting for the arrival of Mrs. Jewell caused some delay in commencing, but now with plans matured the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. Already urgent appeals are reaching us for more workers to be sent that they may have an opportunity to make a good beginning on the language before plunging into the work which *must be done*.

May the glad day soon come when our mission stations shall be so fully equipped with workers that each new recruit shall have a few months at least, to devote to study of the language before assuming care and responsibility of the work.

Our medical ladies have not been idle. Dr. Stevenson had the care of the widows and destitute among the women. Then in October she moved to some Chinese houses that Dr. Lowry allowed her to use, and here she had a dispensary and six rooms for in-patients, where she has had quite a patronage. She reports 6,632 treatments, and very many opportunities for telling of the Great Physician.

Dr. Benn and Dr. Martin have both had thrilling experiences in connection with their work in Tientsin.

Some of the day schools have been kept up with fair attendance, despite the depressing influences and unrest of the past two years. We note with real gratitude of heart that dear old Sister Wang, of "wheelbarrow fame", still lives to tell redemption's story, and her heart's desire now is to be permitted to make a journey to Peking to give the Gospel message in person to the Empress Dowager. May this strong desire to be bearers of the "blessed tidings" to the ends of the earth greatly increase from this occasion, with its hallowing influences, and through our intensified faith and zeal, the missionary fire shall burn and glow on thousands of heart-altars among the women of Methodism, who have never felt its power. "There *is* the sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees."

MRS. S. A. ALDERMAN, *Official Correspondent*.

CENTRAL CHINA.

*Woman's Work Organized in Kiukiang 1874.**Woman's Work Organized in Chinkiang 1884.**Woman's Work Organized in Nanking 1887.*

MISSIONARIES.

Chingkiang.

LUCY A. HOAG, M. D.,

LAURA M. WHITE,
GERTRUDE TAFT, M. D.

MARY C. ROBINSON,

*Kiukiang.**CLARA E. MERRILL,
IDA KHAN, M. D.,GERTRUDE HOWE,
MARY STONE, M. D.,KATE L. OGBORN,
CARRIE DREIBELBEIS,*Nanking.*

ELLA C. SHAW,

MRS. A. C. DAVIS,
MARY L. ROWLEY.

SARAH PETERS.

Wu Hu.

EMMA MITCHELL.

*Home on leave.

Miss Gertrude Howe says of Central China: "It is a great field, the heart of China. When you have won it for Christ, the world will be fairly won." The battle now is not "against flesh and blood," as in the uprising of 1900, but the God of this world is trying new tactics in grave spiritual dangers before the Christian church. No longer regarded as barbarians, with monstrous ulterior purposes under pretence of benevolence, the foreign Christian element has come to be considered as a power to be manipulated for temporal aims; so that there needs to be a constant anointing of the eyes to discern the true disciples from the false, and not to be dazzled by appearances. The question now is, not how to gain members to the church, but how to exclude those who seek it for other than spiritual reasons.

Large numbers north of the Yang-tze river have attended the meetings for women held there. Some have doubtless been quickened by the Holy Spirit. But when long lists of names were handed in, they were not entered as "enquirers" until they had attended gospel instruction for several months. One came from a distance "to study the doctrine" and showed great eagerness to learn. But gradually the secret motive was revealed. She was seeking the temporal sovereignty of the church to help her defy a husband whose beatings she was not willing to endure. When she found the missionaries could only offer her salvation through

repentance and faith in Christ, while it remained that in this world, we must suffer tribulation, she went away to wait for a more convenient season. So it is in Central China as it was in Galilee, where the Master worked. Some receive the word gladly; others go away and believe no more on Him. But the precious seed is sown and the final harvest will be glorious.

CHINKIANG. *Girls' School* has fifty girls. The latest reports received cover the eventful days from June, 1900, to the beginning of the present year. The upheaval of the war gave a fine opportunity to weed out unpromising elements, so that while the number is reduced, the quality is raised; a better spirit and higher aims has been the result. Miss Robinson has for a long time been asking for a teacher to come and learn the language and be prepared to take the work when she is compelled to lay it down. Miss White divides her time between Kiukiang, Nanking and Chinkiang, devoting herself to music and translating, for which she is especially fitted.

Chingkiang Medical Work. Dr. Taft and Dr. Hoag report the number of patients gradually increasing, and also the reputation of the work. They believe there is no better work done in quality or quantity in evangelistic preaching than in their little hospital on the hill. Medical work lifts the curtain to a view of physical and mental suffering as nothing else can. It gives illustrations of the wickedness and cruelty of heathenism, and also a glow from the candle of conscience, and examples of generosity; for which the missionary doctor thanks God and takes courage. The number of patients this year has been 5,000. Besides the material benefits, which they all recognize, hundreds of weary souls are taught the story of Christ, which they would never elsewhere hear.

KIUKIANG. Miss Dreibelbies is left very lonely without Miss Merrill, who is on home leave; but she bravely pursues her work and makes good progress in the language. In the Woman's Bible School 30 remained during the year. Six gave their hearts to God and joined the church. All did good work and listened eagerly to the instruction. Some who entered last autumn without knowing a single character can now read anywhere in the New Testament. Considering the average of conversions among those trained from childhood in our own Christian land, there surely is no cause to think the progress slow among those people whose heathen thought and customs have been handed down to them for centuries. One of these women feared she had offended her god by eating meat at the school, and therefore her right hand and arm were lame, and she thought she must go home to worship and get the god's good graces again. But the faithful witnessing for her Lord by another woman

in the school brought her to a change of heart and mind, and her hand and arm, too, got well.

The Girls Boarding School has fifty pupils. One is the daughter of a prominent official at Nanchung. As all the girls take part in household work, sweeping, dusting, etc., she also has performed these tasks cheerfully and faithfully, and has won the respect of all. She manifests a desire to learn the truth, and has unbound her feet. The new rule, requiring all pupils to pay something toward school expenses is successful beyond expectation.

Evangelistic Work.—Three bible-women are employed, holding meetings and visiting in the homes. Hundreds of women attend the meetings. It would be difficult to reach these women in their scattered homes, but our Father has laid his hand upon them in the great Yangtze flood, and sent them, as refugees, to our door.

Kiu Kiang Medical Work.—Cholera has been raging, and many patients have been sent away from the crowded hospital. Drs. Ida Kahn and Mary Stone have found all their hands and hearts could hold to do. The floods sent to them so many helplessly sick, that had not the promise of God to supply all their need been fully trusted, they would have despaired. But the treasury has kept up, like the widow's meal, always just enough for the time being. Beds have to be made up on the floor for extra patients, and the plea is urgent for a new wing to the hospital so that more women may be reached. So many come suffering fearfully in mind and body, and often on the verge of desperate suicide. They gladly welcome the hope of a better future.

Dispensary visits.....	12,916	
Visits to patients' homes	508	
Hospital patients.....	150	
Total number treated.....	13,574	
Total number prescriptions.....	14,729	
Money rec'd on the field from subscriptions.....		\$1,032 20
Donation from Flint.....		104 58
Fees from patients.....		1,496 68
Total.....		\$2,633 46

NANKING.—The school is growing rapidly, and getting beyond present quarters. They must enlarge, and must buy land at once. Miss Shaw says the trial of parting from her home in America was partially banished by the welcome of the native Christians, and her faith was strengthened by their testimony to the keeping power of God through the trials of the year. The demand for the education of girls is rapidly

growing in China. We must equip our schools to prepare native teachers to meet that demand.

It is cause for thanksgiving that Mrs. Chi, (a bible-woman,) has been spared to the work. During the troubles her people wished to sell her, but God opened the way for her escape and her deliverance has strengthened her faith. She testifies to the definite filling of the Holy Spirit and is used in leading souls to Christ. There are many other instances of a quickened faith since the tests of 1900. One is appalled to think of the regions yet unreached, but each year enlarges the circle of those who hear, and each year the Lord adds to the number of the truly saved.

NAN CHANG.—Miss Ogborn expects to have the school building done next spring. She will open work at the end of next summer, and asks for scholarships for the four months remaining in the year 1903.

WUHU.—There were countless villages across the Yangsti river with no one to give them the bread of life. God suffered them to hunger for material bread through the destructive floods, so that over 5,000 homeless people camped on the hills, where they were helped to get food for their bodies and at the same time to hear of the living Bread from Heaven. An average of 1,600 meals per day were given out. It is impossible to tell the story of this wonderful experience and of Miss Mitchell's indefatigable, earnest, prayerful, loving work among the high caste ladies of the city. There is absolute necessity for a helper for Miss Mitchell; every station in Central China is in dire need of additional strength in working force. Every letter implores us to send them help that the Gospel may enter the wide open doors.

MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE.

WEST CHINA.

Woman's Work Commenced 1882.

Discontinued 1885.

Re-opened 1894.

MISSIONARIES.

Chung King.

Chentu.

HELEN GALLOWAY,
ELLA MANNING,

H. MIRIAM DECKER,
CHRISTINE WILLIAMS,
AGNES EDMONDS, M. D.

CLARA COLLIER.

Several times during the past year we have had special occasions for anxiety, not to say alarm, concerning the condition of our affairs in

West China. First came the news of serious illness among our missionaries, scarcely one of whom escaped. They have all been restored to health and are now able to attend to their duties, for which result we are devoutly grateful to Almighty God.

We were next disturbed by the report of the tragedy at Tien-Sen-Chiao, where seven of our native Christians were cruelly killed by the Boxers.

And recently the secular papers reported that Chentu had been surrounded by the Boxers, and that our little band of workers who are located there, was in imminent danger. Up to this date, that report has not been confirmed, and consequently it may be hoped that it was incorrect. It is difficult to dismiss all concern about the Chentu situation, but each passing day which brings no news concerning it, gives us additional assurance that all is safe.

In the meantime, the Lord has wrought wonderfully among the people, and great numbers of the Chinese are inquiring as to the plan of salvation as it is taught in the Gospels. Mr. Lewis has written at length concerning this movement. I quote from him as follows :

"The converts come from all classes of the city. The believers range through all social ranks, from officials and wealthy citizens to the lowest coolie. A hopeful feature in the work is the fact that about nine-tenths of the converts are able to read. The new work, too, is to a large extent self-supporting. Although a score of new preaching places have been opened, the society has not been required to contribute anything for the purchase of property, for rent, or for furniture. All these things have been provided by the converts themselves. As preachers cannot be furnished for every place, the converts meet together, and the one among them who is most competent is their leader. It is wonderful what advancement is often made under such unfavorable conditions. Some of these converts, when they meet thus for the first time, have already committed the entire catechism to memory, and have acquired some intelligent ideas as to Christian truth and doctrine."

While these conditions were so favorable so far as they related to the men, the women were not being reached. Early in the spring, Miss Galloway went on an itinerating trip in the Pisan district. In her report she says :

"This district embraces a territory one hundred and fifty by one hundred and forty English miles, and includes four large cities, and many small towns ; in all of these cities and in sixteen of the villages the general missionary board of our church has work established; the natives themselves having rented and fitted up buildings, making them more or less suitable for meeting places. In each of these twenty places, a Chin-

ese Christian has been placed in charge of work, and to the best of his ability he leads and teaches the flock who meet each day for morning and evening prayers, and on the Sabbath for the regular church services. A foolish Chinese custom makes it improper for men and women to assemble together (a custom which we try to teach them need not be observed when they become Christians), the result of which custom is that the women in these out-stations are wholly untaught, no work whatever being done among them. Rev. Spencer Lewis, superintendent of our mission, desiring, if possible, to obviate this difficulty, conceived the plan of appointing a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society worker to visit these stations at regular intervals, accompanied by a native bible-woman; the entire time of said workers was to be given to this sadly neglected class of out-station people. Previous to our arrival in Chung King, Miss Manning, with a bible-woman, had made a two-weeks' trip in the district, visiting a number of the stations. Since our appointment in January of the present year, we have spent two months on the road, visiting those who manifested a desire to identify themselves with Christians. Our plan is to remain several days in the larger places, conducting schools for the women and holding evangelistic services for them, the morning being given to those who desire to learn to read, or to become familiar with the doctrine contained in the catechisms which have been translated for our people; then in the afternoons we meet and talk to them collectively. In the last city visited we had at each of these afternoon meetings from one hundred to two hundred and seventy-five women, who sat quietly and listened very attentively to the old, yet ever new and attractive story of Jesus and His love. Possibly many are entertained, rather than instructed. Yet we hope that some among them will believe and be saved. Since March first, we have thus met and given the Gospel message to about two thousand and five hundred women. Of this number, not more than twenty have we found who were able to read in their own language, and not more than five who could read with any degree of fluency. To reach this number we have traveled about one thousand miles, the mode of travel being mostly by sedan chair, sometimes by small boats, with the privilege of walking by way of recreation occasionally.

"This work is one of faith. Rarely are we stimulated by the knowledge of definite conversions, such as we often see at home. These people seem to come gradually to a knowledge of truth, and their Christian experience is a growth, rather than an instantaneous change. 'We sow beside all waters,' broad-casting the seed, leaving the growth of the grain and the harvest to be controlled by Him whose the vineyard is. Chinese women are much slower to respond to teaching than men. One's

patience is often tried to the utmost waiting for them to comprehend the simplest truth. This is the result of their having been for centuries considered nothing more than the servants of man, and being constantly reminded that they are not capable of thinking or reasoning. They are often questioned after a half hour's instruction and almost invariably express surprise that they should be expected to remember anything they had heard, often saying: 'I, why I have no memory; my husband or my son believes the Jesus doctrine, but I could never learn it.' Occasionally a brighter one may remember that she was told that there is but one true God, and He the creator of all things, or that Jesus (a name familiar to almost all Chinese now, even in the remotest districts) is the Son of God and the Saviour of the world. Our last trip, from which we have just returned, extended over two weeks, six days of that time being spent in a city which, three years ago, would not permit anyone professing to be a follower of Jesus to reside in it. At that time a riot occurred, when all native Christians were driven out and their property confiscated or destroyed. Now we are welcomed, and men and women are privileged to worship God according to the dictates of conscience. Here we were met every day by hundreds of women, many coming through curiosity to see the foreign woman, who was the first one to remain within their city gates any length of time. From this city of Ho-Cheo we went by special invitation to the home of a well-to-do farmer, who had become a Christian about three years ago. To reach this place we were carried by our faithful, sure-footed chairman over the most dangerous mountain roads I have ever traveled, and through a drenching rain for a distance of seventy 'li', or about thirty English miles. On reaching the home it became very evident that we had been invited under protest, for there was no welcome for us save from the Christian man, who had invited us in the hope that his family might be won to Christianity. He had endured much persecution from them, at one time being driven from his home. Under all this trial he had not faltered. The members of his household came gradually to treat us more kindly, and we remembered no more the toil of travel in the consciousness that hearts were melting under the fire of divine love, and had that road been a thousand times as long and dangerous, we should have felt amply rewarded. Our visit resulted in the conversion of four members of that family—the mother of the Christian, his wife, sister-in-law and her son, a young man of 20; all of whom gave very clear testimonies to their belief in Christ as the Son of God and the Saviour of the world, and to a personal consciousness of sins forgiven. The old father still holds out bitterly, one moment stubbornly asserting that Christ was an impostor and that Confucius was his superior; the next proclaiming his own good works, for which he expected future reward.

We are greatly in need of funds to carry on the greatly needed line of work of itinerating in the out-stations. Will you not help us to make more frequent visits to these places? It means the gift of a few dollars, which some of you can easily spare. Give them, and thank God for making your part of the labor of evangelizing the world such an easy task; but thank Him more for the opportunity of doing something for the salvation and present happiness of men and women who have been so unfortunate as to have been born in a heathen land.

Of the woman's schools Miss Manning writes: "The woman's school has been as well attended as could reasonably have been expected. Some students came for a few days only and never returned. Others came to see the foreigners. Their curiosity gratified, they went away. Others, when they discovered that they were to study and not play, ceased to come. A few, however, have been regular in attendance and have made satisfactory progress, being now able to begin a systematic study of the Bible. It is not easy for these poor women to grasp the truth which the missionaries endeavor to teach; they have never been taught anything and it has never been expected that they could learn. One poor old woman came into one of the schools one afternoon with a smile on her face. The missionary said: 'Well, auntie, how about the lesson to-day?' 'Oh,' she said; 'it's much better. My old man only whipped me once to-day, and I did not have to cry so much, so I could see to study.' Many of these women have literally cried their eyes out, and are sightless because of the ill-treatment of their husbands."

Mrs. Lewis has had a Sabbath afternoon class for the women in the church, with an average attendance of forty-five. One of the urgent demands of this province is trained bible-women, who can instruct the women. At this time there are but three at Chung-King; one of these teaches in the boarding school a part of each week and spends the remainder of the time in the dispensary with the women who come there for treatment, leaving but two others for the work so greatly needed everywhere.

The boarding school in charge of Miss Decker has some choice girls who are as bright as they look, and who are always happy, no matter whatever work, study or play engages their attention.

The course of study as now arranged covers a period of two years, and includes systematic study of the Bible, church history, other religious books, general history and Chinese classics. Besides the regular school work, the older girls have daily work in caring for the home, making their shoes, stockings and hats. The aim is not only to give them a knowledge of books, but also such training as will make them practical, useful helpers, whatever place they may fill when their school work is

completed. But above all else the desire is that they may have a personal knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ, and have their hearts so filled by the Holy Spirit that they may prove a great blessing to their sisters who are in the darkness of heathenism.

The William E. Gamble hospital for women and children is now completed. We are greatly indebted to Dr. Hall, who has given much time to the supervision of it. His description of the building and the work involved in its erection cannot but be of interest.

"My time for the most part is being given to hospital building. The William Gamble Memorial Hospital for Women and Children is now completed. It consists of three buildings; the central structure is of brick and stone, two story with dormer roof, and accommodates eighty beds. It consists of five large wards, two small wards, seven private rooms, a private room for foreigners, office, reception, operating, sterilizing and bath rooms. There are three separate verandas opening off from each floor. A brick building in the rear contains kitchen, laundry, morgue and servants' rooms, and opens back on to the city wall. In front, a dispensary consists of four rooms. Gateman's rooms, a guest hall and a chair house are conveniently arranged about the gateway, in a brick building with verandah facing the hospital. The grounds of the hospital are small and would cause one to feel very much shut in if it were not for the broad view over the city and away to the mountains across the Yangtze from the front porches, and off upon the winding course of the Ja-li river 300 feet below the city from the rear porches. The building faces southwest, so the sun shines on all sides of the building some time during the day, and at least two porches afford shade at any time.

"A few facts concerning the difficulties to be overcome in building work here may be interesting. Chungking is situated on an uneven, rocky eminence 300 feet above the two rivers that nearly surround the city. Stone walls enclosing the city follow an irregular course about the margins of the cliffs, and are pierced by nine gateways of massive masonry. Within the city is a sea of roofs of about five square miles area. The buildings are chiefly of wood with tile roofs and heavy enclosures of brick, stone and dirt. The *debris* of the decayed houses of centuries covers the rock once bare. As you look out on this scene you first must ask, 'How did all this material get here?' Not only these buildings of the present and past, but all the food and even all the water used by their occupants during these centuries, has been carried up from the riverside on the backs of men. There is not the simplest form of labor-saving machinery in use; even the lever and wheel are never used to save labor; continuous rotary motion is practically unknown. There has never been any steam or electric power applied to mechanics, and even the use of the

horse or ox is very rare. This may be well understood when the price of human labor is known. The average mechanic receives less than ten gold cents a day and boards himself. The day laborer gets but six cents; his food consisting of three meals of cooked rice a day with one variety of green vegetables, and an addition of one-half pound of pork once in two weeks, costs four cents a day. Considering the difficulties of poor tools and rough material, the labor of ten men aggregates the finished product of one day's work at home, yet each man needs more oversight than at home. Building is usually let by contract piece work, and often a contractor is unable to measure or estimate the total value of his labor. All lumber must be bought green in the log and sawed and cured on the ground. To illustrate the extreme of patience exercised in labor, I have seen a boy seven years old carrying one brick at a time up from the river side, 700 steps for one-twentieth of a cent. He would therefore climb 17,500 steps with his burden and return for one cent. A woman with bound feet, bowed with age, said to be over 70 years old, carried a burden of 45 pounds of sand up these steps for one-fourth of a cent, repeating the trip until dark to earn her food, thus needing to climb over 10,000 steps and return for one day's provisions."

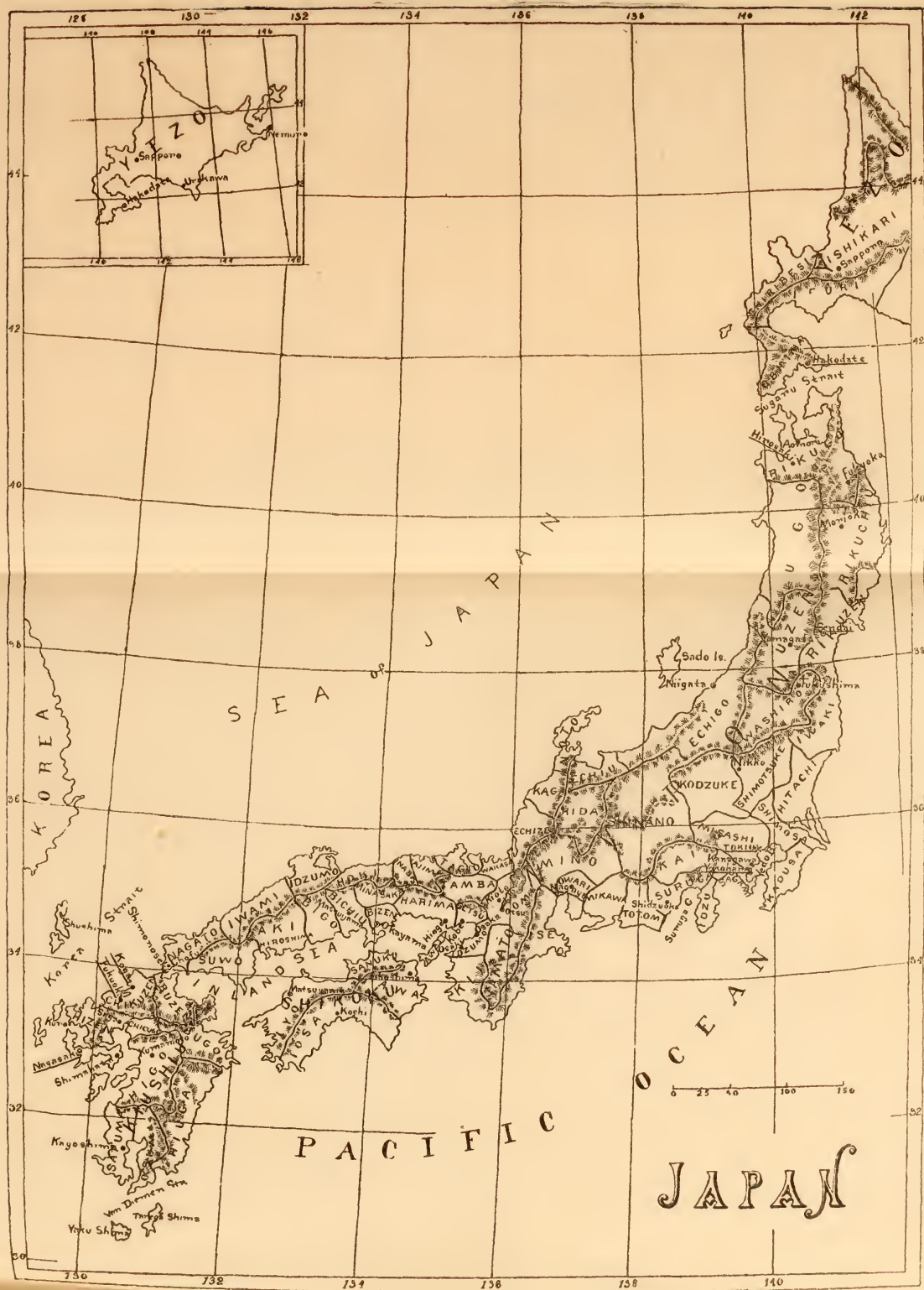
While Dr. Edmunds and Miss Williams have been studying the language, and the general board hospital was being rebuilt, the hospital has been occupied by Doctors McCartney and Hall. But with the opening of the new year our own physicians will doubtless take up their work. These two hospitals will give to Chung King a medical plant second to none in China, with a total capacity of over two hundred beds. Mrs. McCartney has cared for the women and many of them have been cured of diseases in both body and soul. Every Sunday she has held a service in the large porch, and the eager faces of her audience, indicate a real longing to know more of Christ and His power to save.

Miss Curnow is conducting a day school in Sui Ling, most successfully. Of it she says: "Two mothers here sent their daughters to school, not so much to study, but as the mothers say, 'we want our girls to learn obedience as you teach it. Then they will be good and obedient children, and we can rest our hearts about them for the future'". The bible-woman at work in Sui Ling, was a student in the training school at Nanking. In five and one-half months, four thousand, three hundred and sixty-seven women attended her meetings. Once a year thousands of pilgrims come to Sui Ling to visit at the shrine of a famous goddess. This year it is said that the people did not take the usual interest in this festival 'because they are hearing so much of the Jesus doctrine.'"

Miss Collier sends the following report from Chentu :

"Last year we failed to report the work at Chentu because we were not at that time allowed to return to the station. As soon as permission was granted for women to travel in the interior, I left Chung King in company with Mr. Lewiś, to make the trip to the capital, a distance of three hundred miles, by the land route. Thus we were able to visit all the out-stations and had opportunity to preach the Gospel to large numbers of women. Many of them, of course, came out of curiosity to see the foreign woman, but many stayed to listen to our message. At one large town where we stopped for the night, I was greatly disappointed that only one woman came to the inn. She was from a village twenty miles away, and said that she wanted to hear all that I could tell her in the evening, that she might tell the people at home. We have since heard that several in that place have become interested in the Gospel because of what they heard from her. At Tien-Ku-Chioa, the scene of the horrible massacre in June, the people came for miles around and filled the little chapel to overflowing. A widow and her two sons walked a hundred miles to attend the services. At all these places where the general board has opened work, men are coming into the church by hundreds, but there are very few women. Why is this? They are constantly visiting these stations and holding meetings for the men, but until Miss Galloway returned this year, we have had no one to do this work among the women. We are by no means keeping pace with the other society in West China. Miss Galloway will probably be able to make trips as far as Tsi Tseo, but the territory from that city to Chentu is still without a worker. During the trip of twenty-one days, we saw much to encourage us. After having been away for fourteen months, it was with joy and thanksgiving that I returned to our people at Chentu. Nearly all of the old members had remained faithful and a few new names had been added. We divided them into classes for Bible teaching and organized daily classes for teaching them to read.

A day school was opened at the gate, which is taught by the bible-woman from eight until one o'clock. Her afternoons are spent in house to house visitation. Ten girls were received into the boarding school at the beginning of the year. Four of the girls came from Tien-ku-Chiao. In all probability they would have been murdered had they not been with us. The father, mother, and brother of one of them, were burned in their home. One was married a short time ago to Dr. Canright's medical assistant, and thus the light of the Gospel radiates from another Christian home. Another, after having been with us for five months, sickened and died. It was wonderful how she developed during that short time. I wish the friends at home, who sacrifice for these children, could have the privilege of seeing what a clean home, good food and teaching can do for them.



Mrs. Scofield, who a few months ago went to her reward, gave money for a school building. A site has been secured on the opposite side of the street from the compound of the general board and we hope to build during the coming year. We need women to work in Chentu and the surrounding district. We have but one representative in a city of a million inhabitants. I trust that some of the other branches will see their way clear to help to send the Gospel to this great field."

Another missionary and a convenient building are greatly needed in Chentu. From a bequest of Mrs. Elizabeth Scofield, of Illinois, we have already received one thousand dollars for this purpose and an additional one thousand dollars will be available from the same source when the estate is distributed. Mrs. Cady, while at home, also received pledges of about five hundred dollars, and the New England Branch has contributed five hundred dollars. Thus three thousand dollars is secured. But to purchase the land and erect a suitable building, will require about five thousand dollars, as both real estate and building materials in every part of China have greatly increased in price.

With this great awakening among the people, there will come the desire for the education of their daughters, and we ought to be prepared to meet the demands of the situation.

"China never can be better than her mothers, and to uplift them is to help to bring to birth a new nation in which God's Kingdom shall be established."

MRS. F. P. CRANDON, *Official Correspondent.*

JAPAN.

Waman's Work Commenced 1874.

Organized as a Conference 1884.

CENTRAL JAPAN.

MISSIONARIES.

Tokyo.

MISS M. A. SPENCER,
MISS H. S. ALLING,
MISS N. M. DANIEL,
MISS E. A. BENDER,
MISS ELLA BLACKSTOCK.

Yakohama

MRS. C. VAN PETTEN,
MISS A. G. LEWIS,
MISS G. BAUCUS,
MISS A. B. SLATE,
MISS GEORGIA WEAVER.

Nagoya.

MISS R. J. WATSON,
MISS A. P. ATKINSON,
MISS E. HOLBROOK.

Sendai.

MISS C. A. HEATON,
MISS E. PHELPS.

Those interested in the spread of Christ's kingdom have given thanks and rejoiced over the wonderful revival of the Christian religion

which last year accompanied the labors of Mr. John R. Mott in Japan. It is even more blessed to know that the work of the Holy Spirit did not cease in that country when he left, but has been going on, spreading from town to town, and through districts north and south, led and promoted by numbers of native Christians, as well as some foreigners. They found that good seed had been sown by prayer and holy living in soil prepared by the Spirit, that was ready to blossom and bear fruit, some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred fold. In inland villages, far away from central travel and traffic, our bible-women find hungry souls eager for the truth, having heard a rumor, or caught a glimpse of a better way, are ready to listen to and believe the wondrous story.

All our schools have shared in the enriching streams flowing from the river of God.

In Tokyo, they offer in their report special thanksgiving for five day pupils and a number of boarders, and one teacher who became Christians; for the decision of four pupils to become bible-women, and for many wonderful answers to prayer. The Aoyama Jo Guakin, our largest and most important school in Central Japan, is raising its standard of study, closing the primary department, and opening a post graduate class for these young women, for those who desire a teacher government license. The graduates go into the Bible Training School, become teachers in our own institutions, Christian wives, and everywhere are a savor of life unto life in their environments. The school has had a larger attendance this year, and needs the completion of the series of buildings planned some years, but as yet only partially completed.

The work of the Harrison Industrial School was highly praised at the annual exhibition of the Ladies' Fine Art Society in Tokyo, and received a silver medal, one of the two highest prizes given at the exhibition. Each year the standard of Christian living grows higher among the pupils, and several of them have found the blessedness of helping others, and find time to do some work among the neglected children. Here, also, the quarters have become too straight for the increasing occupants, and additional rooms are asked for.

In the Thanksgiving paragraph for Yokohoma, thanks for a growing desire manifested by Japanese Christians for the salvation of souls, resulted in a gracious revival. What a beautiful condition for the Bible Woman's Training School to be in. Another sentence reads: "Thanks for half the pupils and three teachers becoming Christians in the Blind School." Miss Clarissa Spencer, receiving word of the necessity of her return home, in consequence of the death of her father, left Yokohoma only two days before Mrs. Van Petten's arrival, who immediately resumed charge of the school. The Christmas celebration was one of

giving as well as receiving, and from the plan of each one bringing something for a poorer one, help was given to fifty sufferers from hunger and cold. Sixty-two bible-women have completed the regular course and gone into Christian work from the Higgins Memorial Bible Training School.

The special Thanksgiving in the day school department is for the securing of land for the new school, the Maud Simons Memorial. From these small, and sometimes criticised day schools, have come blessed fruit to the glory of God. Several teachers have been converted while teaching in them, and others standing high in the community, trace the beginnings of their Christian life to the Bible lessons learned in them. In one of these schools, a new feature has been well carried out by the principal. A saving system has been introduced, which has proved of great value to the children and their parents. A rin (1-20 of a cent) is frequently given to the children to spend in sweets, possibly to make up for the scantiness of food at home. The children are encouraged to save these, a faithful account is kept, and at the New Year some were enabled to get portions of their new outfit, others paid for their first ride in a train, and visited Tokyo. So the first lessons in thrift, as well as a better and truer life, are taught. The children's meetings in these schools, that accompanied the revival, were full of interest and instruction.

The Thanksgiving song of Nagoya had for its key note the payment of the debt on the school building, so long a burdensome and disheartening experience to the teachers. Yet the work went on with patience, faith and cheerfulness. Fifty-four pupils have been in attendance, and the regular teachers are all Christians. This is a light shining in a dark place, and at this source many a little lamp is lighted and set up as a testimony in the midst of heathen bigotry and superstition. Miss Bender remained at the head of the institution till all financial obligations were cancelled, and then, through the appointment of the bishop, followed God's call as principal of the Aoyama school, on which she enters this season. Five bible-women have been visiting and teaching under Miss Atkinson's care, who has also had charge of the English and physical culture classes in the schools.

Sendai gives thanks that every girl in the school is a Christian, seven having been baptized during the year. Miss Phelps has felt much encouragement in the growth and character of the school. Here, also, the good effects of the evangelistic movement was felt, and many inquired the way to Christ. A prominent feature of this school is its industrial classes, which add to its income and helpfulness to the pupils, most of whom must become self-supporting. Three bible-women are working in the district under the care of Miss Heaton, who has recently returned to

Japan after an absence of three years. The mothers' meetings are chiefly under the supervision of our married missionaries. They are very useful and much needed. Pure and Christian homes are not only the outcome, but the safeguards of a Christian nation. Japanese mothers need much instruction in bringing up their children, and many are very grateful for the help given. Schools for the blind, also, are carried on in several places. All these good works need more workers, and more financial aid. May we remember what our Master said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these *My* brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

S. L. KEEN, *Official Correspondent.*

NORTHERN JAPAN.

Woman's Work Commenced in Hakodate 1870.

In Hirosaki 1877; In Sapporo 1900.

MISSIONARIES.

Hakodate.

AUGUSTA DICKERSON,	MINNIE S. HAMPTON,	FLORENCE E. SINGER.
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Hirosaki.

ELLA HEWETT,	ADA SOUTHARD,	MARY B. GRIFFITHS.
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Sapporo.

*ANNA V. BING,	LOUISA IMHOF.
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*Home on leave.

In Northern Japan are three stations occupied by missionaries of our society, and, strangely, at the present time a common need—that of new buildings—rests upon all. Our missionaries in this region are skilled workers among the Japanese, most of them having had years of experience on this field. The work has steadily advanced under their wise management, while they have been enabled to train helpers for themselves and for others and thus to conserve large interests.

The Caroline Wright Memorial School, of Hakodate, pioneer in the north, has grown to such proportions that the efforts which have been made year by year to remodel an old building so as to accommodate the increasing number of pupils must cease for lack of ground space. Additional land and buildings are imperatively needed. Miss Hampton writes that 132 pupils are crowded into one school room intended for

eighty. She says, "Last year for the first time several of the graduates from the Hakodate government school came to us. They were opposed by all the teachers, and their friends boycotted them, but they remained and love our school and are much interested in the Bible study. Now others are applying but we have to refuse all applicants for lack of room, and it is hard to turn away any who are willing to come under the influence of Christian teaching."

The number of pupils enrolled is 208, including the kindergarten of forty-seven. Among the boarding pupils all the older girls are Christians and some are earnest leaders in Christian duties. Many little meetings are held among themselves. One thoughtful student holds a daily prayer meeting for the younger girls. At the request of the day pupils, in addition to the daily morning prayers and Bible classes, a special half hour of Bible study has been held for them after the noon recess.

Miss Singer reports progress in her department of music. She says, "More and more we realize the important place that music occupies in our work. Almost the first question asked regarding the qualifications of a Bible reader, teacher, or helper for outside work is, 'Can she play the organ or teach the people to sing?'"

Miss Singer would be greatly aided by gifts of good music, or books on music, lives of composers, histories of music and magazines which would be helpful and inspiring.

During Miss Dickerson's furlough in the home land, Miss Hewett has been released from Hirosaki to assist in this school.

The bible-women under Miss Hampton have continued faithful and abundant in labors. During the summer holidays a union effort was made in the Forward Movement. The women of the three churches met for prayer and then went, two or three in company, to different sections of the town, calling at every house on the street. Tracts were distributed and invitations for the open-air evening meetings. This work was continued for five weeks, a larger number of tracts being given out and calls made than in any previous effort. Miss Hampton rejoices that the prejudice which is so hard to overcome in the evangelistic work for the women of to-day, will be successfully met by the girls who will soon become the women of Japan.

HIROSAKI.—Miss Southard, who in the absence of Miss Hewett in Hakodate, has had charge of the Hirosaki Girls' School, including the kindergarten, writes, "We are enjoying our new school building very much, and I am sure if our friends who came to our aid financially could see how much more comfortable it is than the old building they would rejoice with us."

But our joy in the increased school accommodations of that station is

marred by the fact that our representatives there are not comfortably and conveniently housed. The building which is so generously furnished by the Japanese for a Home is now old and unsuited to a rigorous winter climate, besides being a long distance from the school and the railway station, thus requiring of our missionary teachers and district evangelists too great an expenditure of strength in going to and from their work. Would that this crying need might awaken a practical response from some of God's stewards!

The school enrollment was 200, exclusive of the kindergarten. Mr. Kudo remains the efficient and earnest Christian principal, but not without personal sacrifice. Early in the year he was urgently solicited to accept a position in a school of another denomination in Yokohama, at a salary nearly twice the amount he was receiving. After due consideration of the alluring proposal—one feature of which was an opportunity for study in a literary center—his decision to remain was based upon the general desire as conducing to the best interests of the Hirosaki school.

During the year a band of evangelists visited Hirosaki and found a field well prepared for a goodly harvest. At this time thirty of the girls came to a decision for Christ.

The arrival of Miss Griffiths as Superintendent of Bible-women and District Evangelistic Work was hailed with joy, and this work has been greatly strengthened under her able care. She reports that one delight on her new district has been to find so many of the graduates of our various schools engaged in active service for the Master. The names of fifteen such are mentioned in this connection, and she adds, "Besides all these, there are the girls from Hakodate, who are doing faithful service in our Hirosaki school and Sabbath schools; not to mention some of the graduates of the Hirosaki school itself, who are steadily following Jesus, though holding positions in government schools and elsewhere, where they are surrounded by influences inimical to Christianity. I mention these facts to encourage you who are working to maintain these schools and to train these girls for Christ. They are a power in this land."

SAPPORO.—Miss Imhof and Miss Hewett have carried the work of this northernmost post and the outlying country for the past year, during the continued absence of Miss Bing in America. In her report Miss Imhof tells of a new opening to them. She says, "There is located in Sapporo a large linen factory, in which are employed about 1,700 men, women and children. Women and girls are brought here from all parts of Japan on condition that they remain in the employment of the factory for three years. We had often been told that there existed a great deal of immorality among the employees, and we earnestly longed to tell the girls of pure and holy living. After repeated efforts and prayer to God

that the doors might be opened to Christian teaching, permission was granted. At our first meeting about 120 crowded into the room and listened most attentively while my assistant and I sang and prayed and talked. Our own souls were set on fire, and we thanked God from the very depths of our hearts for such opportunities. After we closed several of the men in authority, who were present during the meeting, invited us to 'Come often, come every night if you can.' We have gone every Saturday and on their three holidays each month. The girls are gaining confidence in us and occasional callers come to our home, revealing their trials and longing to know more of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus."

A Home is needed here, not only to afford a comfortable habitation for our missionaries, free of rent, but also to furnish rooms that may serve as gathering places for the instruction of the women, which are utterly lacking in the present arrangement.

MRS. A. N. FISHER, *Official Correspondent.*

SOUTH JAPAN CONFERENCE.

KIUSHIU.

Woman's Work Commenced in 1879.

MISSIONARIES IN NAGASAKI.

ELIZABETH RUSSELL,

MARIANA YOUNG,
LOLA M. KIDWELL.

MARY E. MELTON,

Kagoshima.

JENNIE M. GHEER,

*LIDA B. SMITH.

Fukuoka.

LEONORA M. SEEDS,

MABEL K. SEEDS.

*Home on leave.

The twenty-second report from this aggressive little conference, or the woman's part of it (which is the subject of this report), carries with it the same spirit that has marked each year of its history. It is a brave effort to meet the many duties required in a work that keeps on growing in spite of the fact that the number of missionaries does not increase in the same proportion. Three at least of the little band should be taking their health-leave and are risking a permanent breakdown by remaining

at their posts until some one comes to relieve them—which promised relief is long in coming.

The Fukuoka school is a preparatory one—the pupils pass by regular grades through the lower school, to the college classes in Nagasaki. This is a new departure that promises much for these educational institutions. Miss Mabel Seeds is principal of the Fukuoka school, which reports a year of most successful work. Miss Gheer is superintendent of the bible-women and evangelistic work in Southern Kiushiu. She has fourteen bible-women under her care ; one of these, with two assistants, are working in Loo Choo. Bishop Moore visited Kagoshima and reported the work in good condition. With Loo Choo and Formosa as the foreign work of this brave little conference, there need be no fear of spiritual decline. Such an outlook would stir the heart and kindle the enthusiasm of the most impassive worker. Miss Gheer has only her native helpers and should be reinforced as soon as possible. Bishop Moore hopes to visit the Islands of Loo Choo and Formosa on his next visit to Kagoshima, and doubtless will establish another frontier post.

Miss Leonora Seeds has charge of bible-women and evangelistic work in North Kiushiu, a work for which she is especially fitted, not only by preparation, but by experience. The division of the work promises to make it not only more efficient, but will also relieve the missionaries from trying to do two things at the same time, who though conscious of failure in a measure, is afraid to drop either one for fear of shutting another door that has been partially opened. The work in Nagasaki was never more prosperous and efficient, and yet never more in need of help. There should be some one on the way to take Miss Melton's place, who greatly needs her furlough, and each member of the mission is carrying double burdens. The college should have two new ladies, one for music and one for kindergarten. Bishop Moore strongly urges new workers, and the presiding elder, Rev. H. B. Swartz, writes, pleading that this school be re-enforced in all its departments, from the kindergarten up to the college class. He says : " There has been improvement in government schools in the past ten years, but those for young men are still unequal to the demand, and in the way of higher schools for girls there is hardly a beginning. See to it that Kwassui is kept up! The girls are doing good work, and the religious spirit of the school cannot fail to tell powerfully for good in the future of Kiushiu. A deep revival interest prevails. The last meeting I attended—a school prayer meeting—the experiences I heard the girls relate, made me think of the old revival meetings in the Ohio Wesleyan chapel at Delaware." Much good seed has been sown in the year.

MRS. E. T. COWEN, *Corresponding Secretary.*



MEXICO.

Woman's Work Commenced 1874.

MISSIONARIES.

HARRIET L. AYERS, *Mexico City*,
 IDA BOHANNON, *Pachuca*.
 LUCY BUMGARDNER, *Orizaba*,
 ALICE W. KURTZ, *Mexico City*.

ANNA R. LIMBERGER, *Puebla*,
 CAROLINE M. PURDY, *Puebla*,
 EFFIE M. DUNMORE, *Guanajuato*,
 M. ALICE MOORE, *Guanajuato*,

The death of Miss Lloyd in May, after seventeen years of devoted consecrated work in Mexico, seemed almost an irreparable loss to the girls in Mexico City. The faculty, however, redoubled their zeal; everyone took hold with firmer grasp, determined that no backward steps should be taken. Her mantle seemed to have fallen upon all those who worked so harmoniously with her. Miss Ayers added the treasurer's department to her duties as school superintendent, relinquishing a long-cherished purpose of entering upon more strictly evangelistic work. New native professors have been employed, and the school has taken a step in advance and established a thorough normal department. It is proposed to center all the normal work in our girls' school in Mexico, in Mexico City and Puebla, making the other boarding schools preparatory to these. A normal graduate is asked for Mexico City, that as far as possible Christian instructors may have charge of the girls in this formative period of their lives. One of the best professors from the Government Normal School is temporarily employed. He meets the teachers of different departments once a week in a conference on methods and practical pedagogics.

Our new representative, Miss Kurtz, has supervision of the classes in mathematics and the musical department, giving lessons on the piano and organ, and in voice culture. A kindergarten is maintained, in charge of Miss Butler, and a primary class in English is formed for very young pupils whose parents desire this course for their children.

The school in Puebla continues to advance in every department, and its receipts in self-support last year were \$2,982. This is proof of its popularity and efficiency. An exclusive English department has been commenced under the care of Miss Bumgardner, formerly of Orizaba, and its increase is very gratifying, as it pays its entire additional outlay. The drawing teacher, who likewise was no additional expense to the

school, was obliged to return home after severe illness, but hopes to take up the work again in a few months. A consecrated, trained normal kindergarten teacher is much needed in Puebla, as is also an addition to the dormitories to accommodate the many who wish to enter the school.

It may be asked, Why lay so much stress upon normal work, when the government is opening these schools in many districts of the republic? Our church enters this field that it may fulfill its purpose of evangelization. The State Normal Schools are agnostic, materialistic or atheistic in their tendency. The spread of Christ's kingdom depends upon the training of youth under Christian influences; for only in this way can any country fulfill God's mission for it in the world's history. So we seek to base all instruction upon the use and understanding of the Bible. It is said that during the years the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been in Mexico none of the graduates have left its schools without giving evidence of true conversion.

In the twenty-six years of the existence of the girls' schools in Pachuca, 3,000 girls have come under the influence of its Christian teachers. At the beginning of 1900 Miss Bohannon became principal and the school has continued to increase, and its utmost holding capacity is reached. As at Puebla, an exclusively English department has been successfully prosecuted, and is self-supporting. This was opened two years ago and now numbers 50 scholars.

The fourth girls' boarding school in Mexico is at Guanajuata, and hopes to advance more rapidly when the new school building is completed. The very unsanitary localities which this school has been compelled to occupy in rented houses have interfered with its highest efficiency. The new building is being pushed on vigorously, and by the first of the coming year it is expected the new quarters will be ready for occupancy.

Miss Foster, the new teacher at Orizaba, is reported as proving an admirable worker. The school having been closed for three months, for want of a teacher, is naturally hindered in its progress, but is now growing again. Miss Sanchez, a graduate of our school in Mexico City, has charge of the Mexican department, and is a devoted Christian and a competent teacher.

In most of the day schools a good work of grace has been very evident during the past year. Fifteen hundred and five girls have matriculated in all of the schools under our care, all the teachers are members of the church, and fifty-one pupils have been received into the church during the year.

MOUNTAIN DISTRICT. The presiding elder writes: The work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the Mountain District

includes the schools in Apizaco, Tetela and Tlaxcala. These schools constitute in each of the places where they are located, the strongest support of our Christian propaganda, not only because we draw our church members from them, but also because owing to their wholesome influence upon the people we have conquered many rebellious hearts for the kingdom of Christ, and have turned into friends many others who have been bitter enemies of the Protestants."

APIZACO. This school is superior to any other in the town, either official or Catholic, for its more excellent methods of teaching and strictly Christian morals. The girls of the best class of people attend this school, although its doors are widely opened for all classes. The examination at the end of every scholastic year is always something new and full of interest. The Jefe Político, the town mayor, and many other distinguished persons come to witness the annual examination, and all of them help in some way to make of the closing exercises a delightful affair. From this school some of the most advanced pupils have gone out to take normal courses in our own schools, and others remain and join our church. Self-support has been duly attended to by the principal of the school, Miss Rodríguez. The attendance varies a great deal on account of the occasional suspension of the glass factories in the place; but despite this, the school accomplishes a transcendental and beneficial work.

TETELA. Our school in Tetela is divided in two departments—kindergarten and primary. Miss Emilia Magos is in charge of the kindergarten, and her sister Natalia presides over the primary department. Tetela is a very poor place, its life depending entirely upon a few silver mines, at present giving very scant profits. This circumstance does not allow us to accomplish much along the line of self-support. Notwithstanding this, the pupils contribute a small weekly sum which the teachers place in the charity fund of the Epworth League, connected with the school.

As to the moralizing work of the school, it is as efficient as that of any other of our schools. As an illustration of the appreciation of the people for this school, I will mention a recent incident. The official vigilance committee seemed to try to antagonize our school work. In view of this I went to see the Jefe Político, and asked him to tell me frankly whether he considered our school was not accomplishing any good for the community, in which case we would better close it and not waste any more money in its support. But that gentleman answered me that, on the contrary, although there were several public schools in the town, he and a great majority of the citizens wished that the school supported by the ladies' society should continue, because the benefits

received by the children who have already been educated there and by those at present being educated, were plain to all.

As our self-support is small, as I have already said, and we have no other income than the help furnished us by the society, we have not been able to improve the school furniture, nor to make some very urgent repairs in the class-rooms. Ever since the Misses Hewett, Dunmore and Vandersten, who will ever live in the memory of the people, were in charge of this school, no benches or desks have been bought, and the old ones are in a dilapidated condition. We have neither been able to buy school supplies nor to replace our old collection of wall charts, on account of their being rather expensive. We earnestly hope that the noble society by whose generosity this school is supported, may see its way to render us a special help for this purpose. Our school in Tetela would do more efficient work and gain a great deal with the people if we could meet our present needs.

TLAXCALA. The small school we established in Panotla was, with the consent of the society, moved to Tlaxcala, capital of the state of Tlaxcala, one mile from Panotla. The reasons for this change of place were : Firstly, that Tlaxcala is more centrally located with respect to several other smaller towns—Panotla included—where there are friends and brethren who promised to send their children to our school if we made the change—a promise they have kept. Secondly, that the few friends we have in the city of Tlaxcala begged us to open a school in that stronghold of Catholic fanaticism, for they were not satisfied with the public schools there. And lastly, that Tlaxcala, being the capital of the state, we thought it desirable to have it as the headquarters of our Christian work in that part of the country. By doing so we expected to accomplish the double purpose of making the spirit of our work better known to the people and to be nearer the government of the state and more easily exact the guaranties and protection for those of our brethren who are persecuted on account of their religious opinions in other parts of the state.

The change has been favorable to us in more than one sense. Although our beginnings were small, for we opened the school with only twenty girls, the enrollment has been continually increasing; the masses are commencing to have confidence in the school; the most fanatical have more respect for Protestants, and the government understands now that our schools are elements of progress wherever they are established. In addition to this, our members have greatly increased their zeal, and the religious services are well attended. All this shows that our Christian work in general in the state has received a new impulse with the moving of the school to the city of Tlaxcala—one of the most fanatical places in





Mexico—and the prospects for the future are brighter than ever before; our opportunities to successfully continue the preaching of the blessed and comforting doctrines of our Savior to those people that for centuries have lived in the deepest darkness of superstition are greater.

S. L. KEEN, *Official Correspondent.*

SOUTH AMERICA.

Woman's Work Organized in 1874.

Conference Organized in 1893.

MISSIONARIES.

Rosario.

Buenos Ayres.

MARY F. SWANEY.

ELEANOR LE HURAY.

Montevideo.

ELIZABETH HEWETT,

BERTHA E. KNEELAND,

Lima, Peru.

ELSIE WOOD.

The establishment of our work in Rosario dates back to 1874. We are indebted to the untiring and efficient labors of Misses Chapin and Denning for laying strong foundations for this home and school, which has made a fine record of success, until last year, when a change of "decrees", as they were termed there by the Municipal Board, condemned the building and prohibited its occupancy as a school-house on account of its unsanitary condition, as was affirmed, "Rooms too small, too low, and deficient generally".

That there was *great* need of some changes and an enlargement of the premises was true, as it had become impossible to receive more pupils without additional room, which must be secured in some way. A few years since quite a thorough revision of the present building, with an *addition*, was estimated for and forwarded to the general executive, and appropriations made for this, and some of the branches had remitted for one quarter, when it was decided not to attempt the plan arranged for, but to wait another year. At that time there was some trouble concerning boundary lines of the property, and it was feared that the building would have to be moved back, or taken down. Dr. Drees counseled a suspension of the work until the matter was settled. We heard nothing further concerning this—as Dr. Drees had been away—until the trouble came on the line, developing last year, and resulting in the demand for a *new* building.

I think the very hardest problem we had to solve last year at our committee meeting was "What can be done for Rosario?"

We authorized a loan, but were unsuccessful in securing it.

But Miss Swaney succeeded by reducing the number of pupils in the boarding department, making a few changes in some of the rooms, as suggested by the authorities, or rather, as required by them; she was allowed to continue until the close of the school year. This has been a hard year, but she has made no complaint, and seems to be planning for the future of the work with a good degree of faith and courage.

In Montevideo every department of the work is prospering. Firstly, the school is fuller than at any previous time in its history. In the large school room, Miss Hewett writes, they have had to put chairs in the aisles, as every seat was occupied. In the English primary, with seating capacity of thirty-two, they had in the month of March, the first days of the school year, an enrollment of fifty in that room, and more applications coming every day. As long as the weather was fine, we could let them overflow into patio, sitting near the doors so that the teacher could look after them. This is the department where so many native children enter for the English, and where we have a grandchild of the president, and a daughter of the vice-president, and several other children from influential families. When the Bishop was there and saw the crowded condition of the school, he urged that they rent another room, but none could be found in the vicinity. They were having an increase in tuition from the increased attendance, and decided to build a room at once, putting this money into a building instead of into rent. It was arranged for immediately; the room was finished and dedicated the 4th of July and was then half paid for, from the extra tuition of these additional pupils. Miss Hewett writes: I wish you could see the room. It is built in the space formerly occupied by a small flower garden, just beyond my own room, is well ventilated, with good light, is exceedingly plain, but strong and comfortable. They are delighted with this new room, and they certainly know how to appreciate it, for they have been compelled to have two classes reciting in the same room at the same time. Miss Kneeland puts in a strong plea for the hall, which is so much needed. Besides their school work, they are putting in some tenement-house work. They have a bible-reader and go out with her in the work of visiting from house to house, which has resulted in the opening of regular Gospel services on the Sabbath. Not a large number attend, but these poor women and girls seem eager to listen to the reading of the Word.

L. A. ALDERMAN, *Official Correspondent.*

October, 1902.

BULGARIA.

*Woman's Work Commenced 1884.
Constituted a Mission Conference 1892.*

MISSIONARIES.

Loftcha.

KATE BLACKBURN,

DORA DAVIS.

In Secretary Leonard's report at the last meeting of the General Missionary Society, speaking of our Bulgarian enterprise, he said : "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has a Boarding School for girls at Loftcha, which is not only a credit to the society which sustains it, but is an honor to the whole Methodist Episcopal Church." The property, which consists of the school building and adjoining residences for teachers, is splendidly situated on a height beneath which flows a river which divides the city. Across the street to the west is our beautiful new church and parsonage, the whole constituting a property which is the envy of the Bishop of the Greek Church, whose residence adjoins the school property on one side. It is, nevertheless, the pride of not a few liberal Bulgarians, whose daughters are being educated in the school and who attend divine service in the church.

During the school year, which closed most satisfactorily on June 25th, 1902, the total enrollment of pupils was sixty-five, of this number sixty-two were in attendance throughout the year. Thirty-six were boarding pupils and twenty-six were day pupils. The school is growing in the confidence and approval of the general community. The increase in the number of pupils so taxes the capacity of the dormitories, school rooms and class rooms that additional accommodation is imperatively demanded. It was impossible to receive all the students who applied for admission last year, and those who were last received were only admitted because under the circumstances it seemed impossible to refuse them.

The income of the school ten years ago was about two hundred dollars. Last year the sum total was sixteen hundred dollars, and if it were practicable to care for all the students who want to attend the school, it would soon become nearly, or perhaps entirely self-supporting.

Miss Blackburn seems to have accepted for her motto, one which has

been much at command in Sunday School circles, "Do the best you can with what you have," and the success which has attended her work thoroughly vindicates the sentiment. All the facilities at command for carrying on her work are utilized to the utmost. Her economies are surprising, and although the price of many staple articles is as high as it is in this country, she succeeds in paying all expenses and incurs no debts. One can only admire and praise the efficient administration which prevails in every department.

In the matter of discipline and scholarly attainment, the heretofore high character of the institution has been fully maintained. Thoroughness of instruction is never sacrificed to considerations of expediency and the students who graduate from the school fully earn and deserve the distinction which they receive.

The religious interest which pervades the whole organization is gratifying and inspiring. The weekly conference and prayer service is well attended, although such attendance is purely optional. Twenty-five of the girls have been regularly present at said service throughout the year. The influence of such a service cannot but be most helpful and edifying. From time to time the most assuring testimonies of that influence come to the knowledge of the instructors. Recently, a student writing from her home in vacation, told Miss Davis that she regularly held a similar service even when she was the only person to attend it.

The girls who have completed the course of study and have gone out from this school, are scattered widely for they come from all parts of the country. Miss Davis says: "We have the most convincing evidence that the influence of the school and the change which through its agency have been effected, are permanent. I was particularly impressed with this fact when, after attending the conference last spring we returned by a different route for the purpose of visiting the Hotantza School and the village of Hibilee, and, in a word seeing as much as was possible of the village people who are within the influence of our people. In the mere matter of cleanliness the difference is most marked and impressive. A village girl who has attended our school for even one year, will not be content to live as she has lived before. The improvement in manners and surroundings is always noticeable. I think that it is good ground for encouragement and hope with all our people, that so small an amount of Protestant leaven is so effective in securing among those people, a general cleaning up of their homes and an improved manner of living. Nevertheless it must be admitted that even after such an improvement has taken place, a real, genuine Protestant home is as different from its neighbors in point of cleanliness as black is from white. In the matter of firm adherence to their own religious opinions there is constant gain. In

spite of the ridicule and reproach which they are sure to receive, we have had more women at our meetings than ever before, and they persist in coming and taking active part, not only in the program of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, but on each Sunday and in the public service. There is no other explanation of this fact than that they are acting in accordance with a fixed principle. Their steadfastness means for them, annoyance, vexatious trials, and oftentimes persecution, and their fidelity is a conclusive evidence of the sincerity of their professions."

The Epworth League of the Loftcha church includes among its members all of our teachers and more than twenty of the students. This fact entitles the league to notice in this report. The prayer meetings which it maintains have been profitable and are well attended. Special religious work has been taken up in two villages, one or both of which have been visited by league members every Sunday since last March. Great interest has been manifested in the Bible study class which meets weekly under the auspices of the literary department and is led by the pastor. There has been more enthusiasm than ever before in the reading of missionary literature. This fact is of special interest and suggests that the missionary spirit has a strong hold upon the sympathies of these people. Since last September the league has paid \$20 toward the twentieth century fund of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. It had previously paid \$20 to a similar fund for the use of the general society, making a contribution of \$40 for the year. It is now earning money to purchase an organ for the Loftcha church. The Loftcha Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Auxiliary has been especially prosperous during the last year. There is a girls' mission band that works in connection with it, and which renders valuable service. The monthly meetings have been well attended. The programs are more interesting and profitable and the contributions are larger than at any previous time. During the year it has paid \$20 for the support of the Bible work in Loftcha and has added \$20 to the twentieth century fund.

The Epworth League societies have experienced many annoyances and persecutions during the year. The weekly prayer meeting, which is held on Saturday evening, has been the target for an element that gives them a great deal of trouble. A crowd of rough young men and boys came into the meetings, and in every way that did not involve legal liability endeavored to destroy the service. When tired of making disturbances inside the building they would go outside and throw stones or fasten up the gate, and finally went so far as to cover the steps and entrance to the church with tar, which our missionaries, together with their men of all work in the school, cleaned off before the Sabbath. Finally a soldier, who was converted last year and who is now a faithful

and ever-vigilant friend, volunteered to guard the place. But the band of faithful workers considered that both their faith and endurance had been fully compensated when, at a celebration of the Lord's supper the next morning (the occasion being the quarterly meeting), the invitation was given for "all who truly and earnestly repent of their sins to draw near and partake of the holy communion," a number of girls who never before had participated in this service, promptly rose from their seats and knelt at the altar. This was a great surprise to the missionaries and an important step for the young women. With these people the taking of the communion is equivalent to an open break with the Orthodox church and practically ranks the participants with the despised Protestants. With them, too, the taking of the communion is attended with so much of traditional observance and superstition that it is difficult for them to comprehend the simple significance of the sacrament. There were some of these girls who had never been instructed in the superstitions of the Greek church, and who had received instruction in our school and who were, therefore, willing to accept the Christian religion as a part of their education; but to those who had been more fully instructed and who had a more mature understanding of the situation, there was a full realization as to the consequences which the step involved. The proceeding was by no means an unpremeditated one. The girls had studied the matter carefully and had conferred with each other and had decided before they went to church just what they ought to do. Let us hope that their fidelity may be most amply rewarded.

Miss Davis writes, in summing up one of her letters and reviewing the work of the year: "I cannot think that it was a mistake to open this school, nor that it is a mistake to keep it open. How could it be, when in all Northern Bulgaria there is no other place where girls can go for an education which shall include training in a living evangelical faith? Indeed, I may put it more strongly than that, for time and again the fathers of the girls in our school have said to Miss Blackburn, 'I like this school and send my daughter here, knowing that she will be safe.' These statements are made by Orthodox people, who care nothing for our religion, but who do care to have their girls given the training of this school, and who, above all, desire to feel that their daughters are perfectly safe. At the same time they will say that they do not dare to send them to their national schools because of the low state of moral instruction and observance. Two of our girls last year came from the city in which is situated one of the best of our national schools, and both expect to return to us next year."

Miss Davis further says: "I cannot but believe that this mission has a future of great success before it, just as certainly as it now has a work

awaiting its efforts and lying at its very doors. Isolated from the helpful influences of outside Protestantism, surrounded by people either avowedly given over to the most pronounced infidelity or domineered by a bigoted priesthood, this mission and a little group of others like it stand to-day in Bulgaria like a gallantly defended outpost of Protestantism, bravely holding their own against attacks on every side, and to the honor of our church and to the honor of its sister churches, it can be said that in Bulgaria, where the word 'truth' is but a name, the word of a Protestant is unquestioned."

MRS. F. P. CRANDON,
Official Correspondent.

ITALY.

Organized as a Conference 1881.

Woman's Work Commenced 1886.

MISSIONARIES.

M. ELLA VICKERY,

EVA ODGERS,

AGNES A. LLEWELLYN,

LAURA E. BEAZELL,

*IDA M. BOWNE.

*Home on leave.

Our work in Rome during the last year has been replete with interest. A goodly measure of success has attended all of our efforts. The Lord has graciously blessed His people and their work, and with humble thanksgiving we recognize His continuing favors.

The school work has prospered even beyond our expectations. At the beginning of the year much interest was felt in regard to some of the older students, who seemed to hesitate about giving themselves to the Lord and accepting the Christian faith, but with the opening of the new year they announced their purpose to give their hearts to God and to seek through Christ that salvation which the Gospel proclaims. This decision was the occasion of sincere rejoicing, and it is hoped that much good will result from their decision and influence. Other students, who were among their associates, seemed to be inspired by their action and became much interested in the matter of their own religious lives. These students were the subjects of careful instruction and of earnest prayers, with the result that one after another they are being brought to a personal knowledge of sins forgiven through the atoning blood of the Saviour.

By and by these students will complete their courses of study and will take their places in the activities of life. If they carry with them the influence of sanctified characters and Christian example, we are justified in believing that immense good will result from their Christian training.

The membership of the school is constantly increasing. Thirty new pupils entered during the last year, making a total enrollment of sixty-four girls. Many applications for admission for the coming year have been received. But the accommodations of the building are already taxed to the utmost, and every consideration of health and discipline forbids any addition to the number of occupants. It is greatly to be hoped that the way may be found to largely increase the present facilities.

The interest and enthusiasm in all departments of the school work are gratifying, and seem to be increasing. Several girls are taking the normal school course, preparing themselves for the profession of teaching. Among this number is a young lady who has completed her studies, and who now returns to her home in the Island of Elba, to engage in school work there, and another will accept a position in our own school, in the kindergarten department.

A few of the students are being trained in industrial work. This department is one of very great importance and will be more and more developed as opportunity and facilities for so doing can be provided.

Miss Odgers writes : "A change is coming to the people. They do not now fear our Protestantism as heretofore. They have been taught to hate us by their church, but nothing has happened to the children who have been trained in our school, and our system of instruction is superior to that given in the convents. Hence, we are gaining ground as that old fear of the Protestant religion dies away, as they see more clearly the results of our work among their people. Thus greater opportunities are opening to us and to our work.

"A father with three motherless children brought them to the school to be cared for. Being himself a Protestant, he desired for them a Christian education. The school officers had no funds which could be used for their support, but the father pleaded so hard that they were finally received into the school, he agreeing to pay all that he could, and in this way provide at least for their partial support. Not long afterwards, some good friend sent a gift of \$60, with instructions that the money should be used for the support of the children; and this fact seems to suggest some acts of charity may be undertaken, even where the way out is not at the time discernible. All through the year help has come to us when it was most needed. The helpful word and kindly thought, the ready sympathy and kindly support of those who labor for us in the home-

land, will be remembered by an abundant harvest of golden sheaves which have been gathered in the Eternal City."

Miss Beazell, having recovered her health, has returned to Rome to work with Miss Odgers in the Via Garibaldi school, while Miss Bowne returns to this country for rest.

A problem which may or may not become a serious one confronts us at Garibaldi. The hospital which adjoined our property has been removed to a new building outside the city, but there is a constant fear that the old one may be converted into a hospital for the treatment of contagious diseases, in which case our property would be useless for school purposes. If the money were available for the purchase of this property, it would, after being somewhat changed and repaired, provide us with the room which is so greatly needed for the enlargement of our work.

The constituency of the Via Garibaldi school is from a class of society entirely different from that which gives its patronage to the institute; but the education and Christian training of these girls is not, therefore, a matter of less importance, or a less valuable contribution to the forces which are working for the regeneration of Italy. This school is doing a splendid work. Its curriculum is carefully and wisely adapted to the present needs and prospective life of the students. An earnest effort is made to help them achieve the best possible results under any circumstances by which they may be surrounded, and over and above all the consideration which is always emphasized, is the development of Christian character. That being secured, there necessarily follows Christian training for the children, Christian homes for the people and finally Christian life for the nation. In anticipation of this result, even if its achievement be far in the future, we find cause for present congratulation and an ample inspiration to our faith and effort.

CRANDON INSTITUTE, ROME. Miss Vickery's report of Crandon Institute is so complete that I print it almost entire.

"Looking down from the position which has been secured within the short period of six years and counting the difficulties that have been overcome at numerous places all along the way, we find abundant reason for humble and devout thanksgiving to God for successes already achieved; but looking up toward the longed-for heights and measuring the weary distance yet to be covered before attaining our ideal, we would sink with discouragement were it not for the promise — 'They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.'

The scholastic year opened as usual the first of October and, as has

been the fact in each preceding year, the student attendance was again doubled ; 228 pupils were enrolled, of whom 54 are boarders. When we remind ourselves of the various calumnies which have been circulated about the school and the continued efforts to depreciate it in the public estimation, this large increase could not but give us a more confident and satisfying trust in Him who has promised that 'All things work together for good to them that put their trust in God.'

Our work here is taking on a more pretentious character. In addition to the elementary, preparatory and intermediate departments, a normal course of three years was organized this year. Professor Tauro, president of the National Pedagogical Society and editor of the Italian Teachers' Journal, a man whose liberal and evangelical principles are well known, and Madame Bodrero, who has had twenty-five years' experience as a principal in the municipal schools of Rome, have been added to our corps of teachers, making a total of 33 professors and instructors, whose salaries are paid entirely from the local income of the institute.

In our student community all classes are well represented. We thought that ample provision had been made for recitation rooms. These are now so crowded that it has been a serious question how we shall accommodate the large increase which is already with us for work during this new school year.

The professors of the music school offered three competitive scholarships to pupils of talent who were unable otherwise to secure the best instruction. This attracted the brightest pupils in Rome to the institute, and gained for us the sympathy of many who, under other conditions, would not have been interested in the school. Under the direction of Prof. Sgambati the pupils of the music school gave evidence of their ability and progress in five public recitals, before large audiences gathered in the Methodist church. In this way the people generally had an opportunity to judge of the excellent work which is being done in this department.

On Easter morning and at various other church festivals the chorus class of the institute sang sacred anthems, which were very much appreciated by the pastor and the members of the Italian church.

Our Italian minister, Rev. A. Tagliatela, took charge of the classes in moral philosophy and sacred history. His instructive lectures and lessons necessarily reflected his own deep spirituality, and infused into the minds of his pupils a love and a respect for the Christian evangelical faith.

Mlle. Delord merits special praise for her help in the administration of the institute and her untiring efforts to promote the spiritual life of the home. Every Thursday evening she has gathered the Protestant girls

together in her room for earnest and confidential conversations as to their Christian experience, and for sincere prayer for such strength and light as would render them living examples of Christ's power to save and enable them to impress their Catholic companions by the excellence and consistency of their personal characters.

Following the good Wesleyan doctrine that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," when Miss Llewellyn took complete oversight of the household, she insisted upon scrupulous neatness in all the rooms, bureau drawers and wardrobes of the girls. Though her methods were radical, she was able to enforce her rules by first winning the hearts of the girl students by her rare tact, and by her good humor in dealing with their shortcomings.

The language classes were attended by ninety-seven pupils. The teachers of French, English and German gave their services gratis for the evening language classes of the Epworth League.

The 20th of December, the first anniversary of the dedication of the hall by Bishop Vincent, was chosen for the distribution of the prizes provided for the past scholastic year. Appropriate exercises were held in the large audience room of the Italian Church, and the Rev. Dr. Burt presented prizes and honor certificates to nineteen pupils, who had obtained an average of ninety or more in their studies.

For the year the school has made a very satisfactory financial showing. We have been able to pay all running expenses, repairs, taxes, insurance and the salaries of thirty-three teachers from our local income, which amounted to nearly twelve thousand dollars.

Of the two hundred and thirty-eight pupils enrolled, two hundred and one were Italians, two Swiss, two French, three Russian, five Germans, three Swedes, three English and nine Americans, so that the school is practically a native or Italian work, though inasmuch as it is the only Methodist college for girls in Europe, it draws some students from other countries.

Only three scholarships have been granted to the school by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and these have been used to enable the daughters of Italian Methodist ministers to enjoy the privileges of the institution. Of these students, two were orphans.

Now that the financial success and a generous patronage of the enterprise seems to be fully assured, we are able to devote all our energies and efforts to the real object of its establishment, namely, the development in Italy of the highest type of Christian womanhood. To one who studies the present social conditions, the assertion that the future of Italy is in the hands of her women, will by no means seem an exaggeration.

When, after years of brave struggle, Rome was finally wrested from Papal power and made the capital of united Italy, Garibaldi, the leading spirit of the progressive party, with wonderful foresight exclaimed : " Yes, we men have done all that we could; our work is finished and we give our children a country. But oh, women of Italy, if you do not give us true, loyal Italians, our victory over error will be in vain". The check that came to Italy's progress after her brilliant revolution was caused by the failure of her women, so crippled by priestly influence, to respond to this sacred trust. The great, deep, inexorable need of Italy to-day is not for women of high culture, of refinement and learning; of these she has always had her share; but for women of high character, who are sure of their own convictions, capable of self-control; women whose religious sentiments are formed from the depths of their own consciences and personal experiences, and not moulded by crafty priests; mothers who are gifted with that strength of soul and purpose which only the highest spiritual culture can impart. Only bring it to pass that Italy has women of character to stand as exemplars of the Christian religion, and the dark clouds of superstition and ignorance, and the fatal control of priests, will vanish as if by magic before the sun of righteousness.

To unite all our forces and do all that we can to respond to this urgent need, appears each day more distinctly, more forcibly, our one mission in Italy. Knowing that it is not what we teach, not even what we do, but what we really are, that will most influence the girls entrusted to our care, we have insisted this year on having only Protestants and active Christian teachers in the house. Persons whose lives are a continual testimony for Christ. This has created a new atmosphere of unity and love in the home and has made possible a more direct spiritual work than in the past years.

A few weeks ago, a mother who took her nine-year-old child from the nuns to put her in our school, and who then seemed very much afraid that the child's soul would be lost in consequence, came to me with tears in her eyes to thank me for the great improvement that had taken place in her little daughter : ' Not only has she surprised me with her progress in her studies, but she has grown so good and so gentle, and when she talks to us about religion she is so earnest that she makes us cry. For weeks she has begged me, every time she sees me, to buy her this book, the only thing she wanted. No other gift would satisfy her.' My cup of thankfulness was full, when the mother, who a few months before begged that her child might not hear the Bible read, handed me a beautiful copy of the New Testament, her gift to her daughter. This little one has also persuaded her two brothers to attend our church.

Each class is opened every morning with prayer and every evening all the boarders unite in family worship. Nothing contributes more to the mutual support, kindness and confidence of our large household than these moments of sincere and devout study of the Word. The girls sing with enthusiasm our sweet, sacred songs, and give their earnest attention to the prayer, which occasionally is offered by one of their own number, and all join in repeating 'Our Father.'

Never before as during this year, has the desire to do good, to be good and render service to others, been so marked, and this sentiment of love and charity has been strong enough to sweep away differences in creed and thought, and throughout the year, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish girls, and those who profess no special faith, have united in perfect accord in the common desire to help suffering humanity. On their own initiative and with the result of many little sacrifices of dainties dear to their hearts, they provided and served a sumptuous New Year's dinner to seventy-six poor children gathered from the streets of Rome. They amused the little ones with a good program of music and recitation and sent each one away happy in the possession of a gift from the Christmas tree. A group of the older girls made it their special work to visit the hospitals of Rome, carrying fruit and books to the suffering inmates. Often, when accompanying them, my heart has been moved by the words of Christian comfort and encouragement which these girls whispered to those who were suffering, and I thanked God for this opportunity for their spiritual culture.

After an explanation of the organization and workings of the order of the King's Daughters, every boarder in the school asked to become a member of the society and the various circles have been doing most effective work all the year. A group of little girls, all under nine years of age, have collected five dollars for toys to be given to the poor children. Another circle of girls from twelve to fourteen years of age, arranged and executed a most interesting program of song and prayer, followed by a sale of articles which they had made in recreation hours, which netted about twenty-seven dollars. Each girl has a purple bound book with "Nel Suo Noma" (In His Name) in gold letters across the back and every evening she must make a record of one kind act which she has done during the day for the love of the Master.

At the end of each month, the books are brought to me for a new motto for the succeeding month and as I read of their struggles with temptations and self-denials, I am sure they are growing to be valiant soldiers for Christ.

All the boarders are required to attend our regular Sunday morning service, conducted by Rev. Dr. Burt, whose simple and sincere message

concerning Christ's love and His power to save from sin, brings comfort and encouragement to all. After this service, all the Protestant girls attend our Methodist Sunday School and church services. One of the pupils teaches a class in the Sunday School and another won the first prize for proficiency in Bible study, in a competitive examination in which all the Sunday School scholars of Rome took part ; and, in the last Italian conference, the pastors of both the Italian and American churches, expressed their warm appreciation of the services of the pupils, and spoke in terms of warm approval of the institute itself.

These girls are surely learning what it is to lead Christ-like lives, and while we ardently desire that the time may come when they will openly confess Christ and ally themselves to our evangelical church, yet when we see the marked improvement in their lives and characters, we can be patient, knowing that God looks at the heart ; and though they may, like the Zenana women of India, make no public profession of their faith, He knows that they are His children.

Crandon Institute has come to be one of the objects of special interest to tourists and other visitors to Rome, as well as to those persons who are in some way, directly concerned in missionary and educational work. Every day many callers, who desire to inspect the building and secure information concerning the school are received. The location and beauty of the school property command universal admiration, and the character of the school work that is there carried on, and the almost ideal social life of the institution, have received such elaborate and such frequent commendation, as to render extended reference to them, now unnecessary.

The October number of the *Woman's Missionary Friend* contains a gratifying and appreciative article on the institute and its work. An article whose perusal will amply repay anyone who is interested in the Italian work of this society.

MRS. F. P. CRANDON, *Official Correspondent.*

KOREA.

Woman's Work Commenced 1885.

MISSIONARIES.

Seoul.

*MRS. M. F. SCRANTON,	MARY M. CUTLER, M.D.,	LULA E. FREY,
*LOUISA C. ROTHWEILER,	ELLA A. LEWIS,	MARY W. HARRIS,
EMMA ERNSBERGER, M. D.,	JOSEPHINE O. PAINE,	NELLIE PIERCE,
ESTHER KIM PAK, M. D.,	ALICE J. HAMMOND,	HENRIETTA ROBBINS,

Pyeng Yang.

MRS. ROSETTA SHERWOOD HALL, M. D.,	WOMAN'S HOSPITAL.
ETHEL M. ESTEY,	SARA MILLER.

Chemulpo.

MARY R. HILLMAN,	LULA A. MILLER.
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WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE.

MRS. W. A. NOBLE,	MRS. E. D. FOLWELL.
MRS. G. H. JONES.	

* Home on leave.

The famine has made an especially hard year. Most of the girls remained during the New Year vacation because food was so scarce in some of the country districts. Class work has been carried on without interruption, and the heart-life of the girls is full of encouragement.

In several instances they have voluntarily apologized for hasty words and acts of disobedience, and expressed a desire to live closer to the Master and overcome all that is displeasing to Him.

SEOUL. *Evangelistic Work* has been done principally by our bible-women, whom Miss Frey calls the five fingers of her right hand.

Some of the women have formed a society under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Whang for various benevolences. When discussing how much to give toward the Bible fund, the leader said, "Let us give well, for the Bible is soul food". During the year 69 women have given their names as probationers, through the influence of Dr. Pak's dispensary, Ewa Haktang and the day schools, and through the bible-women and other church visitors.

In the Chong Dong dispensary 1,198 cases have been treated, and there have been 2,002 return visits; 128 out-calls to Korean houses have

been made. The total number of treatments is 3,328, including school girls of Ewa Haktang.

All the patients have an opportunity to hear of Jesus. Many have been turned away who needed hospital care because there was no room to receive them. The great ignorance of the Koreans is shown in their methods of treating disease, such as filling the mouth of a consumptive with raw rice and using it afterwards as a specific for malaria ; making a paste of egg mixed with earth from drains, for inflamed joints ; and the thought of washing or cleansing an abscess never enters their minds.

Miss Pierce says : " Although Miss Hammond and herself were left bereft when Dr. Scranton and Mrs. Scranton went away, they have been helped day by day over the rough places and stand now with a stronger faith in the mighty power of God than ever before.

They have made careful house-to-house visitation, and thus have come close to the people. The Wednesday morning prayer-meeting has been well attended, and often every one in the room, from dear old Rachel, 80 years of age, to little Lena, who can barely lisp the name of Jesus, has told of His love in her heart.

The sad face of old Deborah has been missed. Often with tears running down her face she has asked prayer for her wicked son. Her Father saw it was enough ; she had been faithful over a few things, and He called her to her reward. She was laid to rest with a quiet service, held by her son's permission in his house.

The boys of the Paul Andrew Memorial School have sung for the Epworth League young men in their street preaching services, and hundreds of men and women, too, have been attracted by the song, " Onward, Christian Soldiers," and Christian words to the Korean national tune, and have listened to the Gospel story.

The numbers of women reached through the schools, the evangelistic tours, the meetings for prayer, and the medical work, really surprises us. The perseverance, unfailing love and enthusiasm of every missionary, and the really effective service of the native helpers, fills us with grateful praise for the grace and goodness of the Lord. " One of our bible-women," Miss Pierce says, " with her head upon my knee, shaking with sobs, told me the story of her defeat in the effort to save a girl of sixteen from the power of an evil life. My heart was touched as I saw the aching heart and tearful eyes of this teacher sent of God.

" It is in these times, when we see one of our saved ones bearing on her own heart the burden of another's soul, that we realize the strength and beauty of the Gospel we preach. If we have been weak, then we grow strong; if we have been discouraged, we look up again. Thank God for even a few such lives as these."

Martha, the woman whose nose and right hand were cut off by a wretch whom Korean custom called her husband, for whom Dr. Cutler cared in the hospital, teaches with a zeal seldom equalled. Every patient in the dispensary, before she leaves, has heard some part of the "old story," told by one whose heart is filled with love for the souls of her people.

The reports of our missionaries are full of instances of women holding fast to Christ amid persecutions, which remind one of the early days of Christianity. Not all who hear the word receive it. As in the days of our Lord upon earth, the "lust of other things choke the word and it becometh unfruitful". But hundreds do believe and their eagerness for it is pathetic. An old woman in a meeting kept nodding her head as if saying "Amen" to the teachings. She had only come for a "look see" at the strange being who had appeared in the village, but the sweet old story so interested her that she gave in her name gladly as one who wanted to "know more of this Jesus who could save even an old woman who did not know how to read".

But her daughter said if she became a Christian she would turn her out of the house.

She was an old woman, and this threat was too much for her faith, so she gave up Christ for the sake of a home.

The arrival of Miss Miller in November, 1901, rejoiced the hearts of all. When the women saw her they would eagerly say, "Is this our lady we have so long looked forward to meeting?"

The return of Dr. Hall and Dr. Cutler this fall greatly relieves our over-burdened workers.

DR. APPENZELLER AND DR. HARRIS.

Korea has had its baptism of sorrow in the death of Dr. Appenzeller and Dr. Lillian Harris.

Miss Pierce writes: "We were looking forward to the good times we were to have together in our Home in Pyeng Yang, where Dr. Harris, Miss Estey and Miss Miller had been planning for our coming. After a delightful voyage, we were taken aboard the steamer which came down the river to meet us, but our joy was turned to sorrow when the sad word was brought of Dr. Harris' illness. Worn out as she was from overwork, we knew she would not be able to make a fair fight with typhus fever. Instead of being together as we had anticipated, our ways separated. We were kindly taken to other homes, and the days were filled with anxious waiting. The whistle of our boat when we arrived seemed to rouse the doctor from her delirium, and she said to Miss Estey who was by her side, "O! that is the boat our girls are coming on."

On the day our annual meeting was to open, the crisis was seen to be near, and with bowed heads and sad hearts our exercises were begun. Many and fervent were the prayers that went up from every heart to Him who we knew was watching over our sister and would give her back to us if it was best. She slept that afternoon, thus giving a ray of hope, for the doctors said she would waken either better or worse. Her sister, Mrs. Folwell, seemed to realize that the end was near, and said, as she gazed at the tired form resting, "I think Lily must be entering upon her last sleep." Her rest was short, and she wakened still unconscious. About ten o'clock her sufferings ceased and her spirit took its flight to that Heaven of which she seemed to catch occasional glimpses during her illness. Suddenly, one day, she attempted to rise, moving aside those who stood by and gazing up with face illumined she exclaimed, "beautiful! beautiful!" Miss Pierce says: "The impressions I formed of Dr. Harris in our journey together to the mission field four years and a half ago, have grown more firmly fixed as the days went by. The same usefulness that characterized the friend of a few hours was still to be seen on that Sabbath night in May when, thinking only of the relief she might give the sick woman who called her, she forgot her own tired body, burning then with fever, and went in the middle of the night to help one of Christ's little ones. To be in conscious accord with the will of the Master was the greatest desire of her heart."

Miss Estey loves to recall the scene as one day the doctor folded her hands in prayerful attitude and said, "Power from above to do thy perfect will, O God!" At another time, "Praise on earth for all He gives to us; O, how good the Lord is to us." A little clipping tacked on the wall of her dispensary explains the motive of her living; "Just to let love be our daily key. That is God's will for you and for me."

Some one has said, "there is nothing fruitful but sacrifice." One death in the mission field is worth six lives at home, seems a strange saying, but one may gather something of its meaning, perhaps, from the scene the morning following the death of Dr. Harris.

On the porch of the hospital where she had helped so many sick ones by her medicine and good cheer, lay her lifeless form in the beautiful white casket. Around were gathered the bereaved sister and brother and loving friends. But most pathetic of all was the host of Korean friends, who came to pay their last respects to their dead. She was, indeed theirs. No one questioned; they claimed her in death as they had in life. As we watched the tearful faces and heard the broken sobs, we thought, 'How beautiful are the feet of them that bring good tidings.'

Upon the lonely hillside we laid away for the first time the body of a



member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Korea, to await the resurrection.

Remembering Dr. Harris' life and her tender service for others, it seemed as if God Himself must have seen she needed rest and took her to be with Him. His will for her had been accomplished, and He took her home."

Surely one such death as this is worth more than the combined lives of the many hundreds of women even in the Christian Church.

"Who live for self and think of self,
And of nothing on earth beside,
Just as if Jesus had never lived,
And as if He had never died."

H. B. SKIDMORE, *Official Correspondent.*

AFRICA.

Work Opened in 1899.

MISSIONARIES.

Angola, Quessua.

*MISS JOSEPHINE MEKKELSON,

MISS SUSAN COLLINS.

Rhodesia, Old Umtali.

MRS. HELEN E. RASMUSSEN.

*Deceased.

Our one representative on the east coast is Mrs. Helen Rasmussen. One of the fine buildings given the missionary society by the government at Old Umtali, is her home. It was erected at an expense of \$20,000. Here we have the unusual experience of entering into an inheritance of homes and lands without any expense to the society. While Miss Mekkelson in Angola was begging for a shelter for her girls, Mrs. Rasmussen had this fine home and no girls. She says, "This is a climate for Europeans. Although lying in the tropics, on account of the altitude the vegetation belongs to the temperate zone. The mountains that surround us are veined with gold, and already only seven miles away there are two mines running full blast, day and night, and the percentage of gold to the ton is said to be greater than at Johannesburg." The natives are mentally and morally superior to those in other parts of Africa, but there is no written language. Mrs. Rasmussen has had to learn the native tongue word by word from the lips of her teachers.

Mrs. Rasmussen went early in June to the Kraal of Chikonga, eight miles from her home, in Hartzell Villa, Old Umtali. Here she planned to stay a month, studying the language and people. But in two weeks word came that old King Mtasa was very ill, and Chikonga said Mrs. Rasmussen must go with her to see her father. This she did and found not only the old king but many other patients needed her ministry. All the people, even the babies, drink beer. Soap is all but unknown, and the children wear the most abbreviated clothing. The nights are spent in drinking, dancing and hideous songs. The great soul need of the people is apparent.

Here our good missionary found a field for labor, and secured three girls. One is unmarriageable because she cut her upper teeth first, but seems very promising. It will cost \$40 or \$45 a year to support these girls. The missionary cannot live on less than \$600 a year. We must pray for this great field, and our missionary in Rhodesia, that the Holy Spirit may be indeed poured out upon them.

QUESSUA. Early in the year Miss Mekkelson's letters had a tone of sadness. It was so lonely and she had frequent fevers, and no one of her own race to care for her. When Miss Collins arrived there was great rejoicing. She worked in the villages and helped everywhere. But she was distressed at Miss Mekkelson's condition and notified her secretary. At the May meeting a resolution passed, requesting Miss Mekkelson to leave Angola at once—go to Rhodesia, where African fever is almost unknown. But alas, the message never reached her. The Bishop visited the station in May, and with the six other missionaries made large plans for the future, which filled Miss Mekkelson's soul with praises. He sent her down to Loanda for a rest and change from this place. On June 11th her last letter was written. It was full of Christian joy.

But again she came down with fever, and on July 5th she laid down her life for the cause of Christ in Africa. Her last message to the secretary was: "I am so glad you let me come. I have never regretted it, but I am sorry that I could not stand it longer. Let not the work stop. There are precious lives here. Let all be faithful." We can only try to comfort our hearts with the Master's own words: "Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

Dr. Dodson wrote of her: "With bowed head and dropping tears I received the news of the death of our noble Sister Mekkelson. She was truly a noble—a Christian young woman." We, too, bow our heads and drop sorrowful tears for this precious one, who taught us so many lessons of faith and trust.

Bishop Hartzell says that Loanda has been neglected for years for

lack of workers, but being on the coast and the port of Angola, is a most important station. "Within seven miles of the mission there are forty thousand people, of whom five thousand are Portuguese. Here largely self-supporting boarding and day schools for boys and girls can be maintained." We can truly hope that the day of Africa's redemption draweth near.

M. S. HUSTON,

Official Correspondent.

BURMA MISSION CONFERENCE.

Organized 1901.

Woman's Work Commenced 1881.

MISSIONARIES.

Rangoon.

JOSEPHINE STAHL,

GRACE STOCKWELL,

EMMA STOCKWELL.

Thandawng.

LUELLA RIGBY,

CHARLOTTE ILLINGWORTH,

*FANNIE PERKINS.

*Home on leave.

In January, 1901, Bengal-Burma Conference was divided, and all the territory east of the Bay of Bengal was formed into the Burma Mission Conference. The work in this new conference is largely among the Eurasians and the other English-speaking residents.

In 1892 Miss Wisner started a little school for Burmese girls, first as a Sunday school, the year following as a day school, which for lack of room elsewhere, was held on the veranda of the house of Mrs. Julius Smith. After the first year Mrs. Smith was in charge of the school. At the end of two years the school was removed to a rented building.

As long as we were obliged to borrow teachers for these girls from a sister church the need for larger and permanent quarters was not urgent, but since our own Misses Stockwell have taken charge of this most interesting work, the growth and prosperity of this school has exceeded our highest expectations. In May it was found necessary to move the school, with its 48 girls, to the old orphanage, on Levis street. Two months later the number of pupils had increased from 48 to 80 and the number of boarders from 5 to 15. With but two school rooms and three rooms for boarders, Miss Stockwell will have to close the doors to all new-comers or

have a larger home. She and her sister are obliged to live at our mission home on Lancaster road, far distant from the school. The girls greatly need their personal supervision and the refining influence of their constant presence among them. At this critical juncture government has thrown open a tract of land in the most healthful part of Rangoon, in the center of a population of 20,000 Burmese. The land is given on a 90-year lease to anyone who will build on it.

This seems a providential opening for us to secure a permanent home for our first and only Burmese school. Who will furnish the money for the building?

Miss Stahl says "the Burmese are a very bright and interesting people and seem to me superior to the Indian people in many ways".

THANDAUNG. Miss Rigby and Miss Illingworth have bravely assumed the new responsibilities imposed on them by Miss Perkins' absence.

At the opening of the school year they found themselves with two new classes (Standard, VIII and IX) and without a teacher for them. In May, Miss Turnell was released from the Rangoon school and went to Thandaung to share the work of the over-burdened missionaries.

Miss Illingworth says of Miss Turnell: "She is a great, sweet-spirited helper, and we wonder how we ever managed to do without her."

This school at Thandaung is developing a fine lot of cheerful, useful and self-reliant girls. Three of them have been responsible for the cooking for a family of fifty, and they seem to do their work "heartily as unto the Lord", for they keep sweet and sunny all the time. Miss Turnell brought up one of the Rangoon girls to teach in the Lower Standards, and these added helpers with their love and sympathy and cheerful co-operation make easy many a hard place.

The school should now rank as a high school, but the Director of Public Instruction refuses to register it as one. The work in Burma has taken on new life during the year. The Rangoon girls' school and the Burmese school are growing rapidly, and the Thandaung school is a bright example of the wisdom of industrial training combined with school work.

MRS. C. O'NEAL, *Official Correspondent.*

REPORT OF THE WORK IN SWITZERLAND, NORTH AND SOUTH GERMANY.

Our work in these conferences has had a great uplift during this year by the visit of one of our own missionaries, Miss Martha Lebeus, from Sieng-lu, China. Wherever she went she gained the love and confidence

of the sisters, and they were not only interested, but enthusiastic about the work she represents. The conference secretaries only regretted that she could not visit more places. However, her health did not allow her to keep steadily at work, and the visit to her old father, whom she had not seen for twenty years, claimed some of her time. The conference secretary for Switzerland does not mention her visit in her report, as that was written prior to Miss Lebeus' arrival in Europe. This conference secretary writes: "I am thankful that I can send you our report without diminution, but with a little progress, though times grow rather worse than better. It is really a wonder that the gifts of Switzerland came to this amount, considering the fact that every year the appropriation which our church in America grants to the Swiss conference is smaller, though our needs are growing continually, so that our members have to give more than ever. It is a blessing for them and a real grace of God that they have hearts and hands open for missions in spite of these difficulties. Our bible-women, whom you kindly support, continue to do a blessed good work. Their innumerable steps to poor, Godless, unhappy people, bring a flood of blessing for time and eternity. May your work go on in power and love to the glorious harvest of the Lord's Day."

From the South Germany conference we hear of a gratifying increase. The conference secretary says: "During the past year the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been a source of great joy to us. In a great many places the missionary interest has been roused, and large and small gifts have been brought willingly into the treasury of the Lord. The congregation in Pirmasens has seen its way to support the bible-woman which the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has heretofore partly supported. They wish to thank the society once more for the help which has been given them for a number of years, and to express their appreciation for this help. The visit of Sister Lebeus has been a great blessing for us. We were only sorry that she could not go to more than seven appointments. If we could have such visitors oftener, the missionary interest would be greatly increased."

The secretary from North Germany writes: "Though the contributions from our conference are smaller than those of the others, we are sure that every gift has been given prayerfully and lovingly, and the Lord surely will bless them. Still we have the pleasure of reporting a small increase over last year, and we are so glad that the Lord has opened new doors and has made more hearts willing to help in this blessed work. Our new society in Liegnitz has sent us a nice little sum. We also had a contribution from Hungary. We praise the Lord for the smallest as well as the larger gifts. The society in Plauen, Saxony, supports an orphan

in China and also one in India. These women are enthusiastic missionary workers, and there are thirty young girls who have joined the Standard Bearers' Society. May God help them to lift high the royal banner. It may not suffer loss."

Our bible-women in Switzerland as well as Germany have done good work. In Berlin a new work was started among the unemployed. Our bible-woman there spends all her time in this work and seems to meet with success.

The preacher in Chemnitz also writes an appreciative letter of the great help the bible-woman is in that large manufacturing center.

A. M. ACHARD.

REPORT OF SCANDINAVIAN WORK.

Work among the Scandinavian women commenced only a little over a year ago. Miss Alma Jacobson, one of the society's missionaries located in Pakur, India, had a very interesting work among the women and girls of that station, but there was no suitable house for a home and school. In order to secure funds for building, Miss Jacobson came to America, and as soon as she landed in San Francisco commenced holding meetings.

Since then she has visited four Swedish conferences, with one hundred and fifty churches, and several Swedish churches in American conferences, and spoken about two hundred and seventy-five times.

One hundred and seventeen auxiliaries have been organized, with twenty-five hundred members.

In accomplishing this work Miss Jacobson had to travel extensively, as the Scandinavians are widely scattered, the Swedish and Norwegian conferences extending over a large territory throughout the west.

This work has been placed in care of a special secretary, Mrs. Andrew Farrell, of St. Paul, Minn.

Appropriations for 1902-1903.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Naini Tal</i> , Schools.....	\$ 33
Assistant.....	120
<i>Dwarahat</i> , First Assistant.....	110
Scholarships.....	60
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Miss Tresham.....	300
Scholarships.....	40
Conveyance.....	60
Repairs.....	50
<i>Bhot</i> , Medical work.....	33
Conference expenses.....	25
Itinerating and moving.....	50
<i>Bareilly</i> , Scholarships and orphans.....	280
<i>Shahjahanpore</i> , Salary of Miss C. M. Organ.....	650
<i>Moradabad</i> , First Assistant.....	240
Scholarships.....	700
City Schools.....	168
Inspectress.....	60
Bible women.....	104
Conveyance.....	84
Evangelistic work.....	200
<i>Agra</i> Medical Scholarships.....	80
<i>Bijnour</i> , Second Assistant.....	180
Scholarships.....	100
City workers.....	60
Conveyance.....	66
District work.....	700
Mrs. Mansell's itinerating.....	50
<i>Sambahl</i> District.....	944
<i>Lucknow</i> , Salary of Miss F. L. Nichols.....	650
Salary of Miss M. P. Stearns.....	650
Memorial Scholarships.....	80
Mrs. Parker's itinerating.....	33
<i>Gonda</i> , Salary of Miss E. M. Rud-dick.....	500
Rent of bungalow.....	160
	<hr/> \$7,560

North West India.

<i>Muttra</i> , First Assistant.....	\$ 240
Conveyance.....	33
Scholarships.....	195
<i>Cawnpore</i> , First Assistant.....	220
Scholarships in native school.....	150
Scholarships in high school.....	216
Assistant.....	110
<i>Meerut</i> , First Assistant.....	240
	<hr/> \$1,404

Bombay.

<i>Bombay</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 280
<i>Basin</i> , Scholarships and general work.....	750
	<hr/> \$1,030

South India.

<i>Hyderabad</i> , City girls' schools.....	\$ 275
Scholarships.....	80
Salary of Mrs. Somerville.....	260
<i>Madras</i> , Salary of Miss D'Jordan.....	200
Salary of Miss Young.....	260
Conveyance.....	80
Scholarships.....	200
Meenambal.....	100
<i>Raipur</i> , Salary of Miss E. L. Harvey.....	450
Conveyance.....	60
	<hr/> \$2,025

Bengal.

<i>Darjeeling</i> , Salary of Miss E. L. Knowles.....	\$ 350
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Malaysia.

<i>Singapore</i> , Salary of Miss E. A. Hemingway.....	\$ 425
Venacular teacher.....	48
Miss Meyer.....	180
Conveyance.....	40
Teluk Ayer, rent.....	180
Furniture.....	50
School carriage.....	120
Rickshaw hire.....	60
Scholarships.....	140
<i>Penang</i> , First teacher, Girls' school.....	180
	<hr/> \$1,423

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Salary of Miss Josephine O. Paine.....	\$ 600
Incidentals.....	150
Scholarships.....	480
Dan of all work.....	50
Fay school (west gate).....	40
uel.....	175

<i>Pyeong Yang</i> , Salary of Miss Sara	
H. Miller	\$ 700
Itinerating	50
Bible woman	50
Repairs	25

\$2,320

North Japan.

<i>Hakodate</i> , Scholarships	\$ 240
Literature teacher	270
Pupil assistant	60
<i>Hirosaki</i> , Teacher, 3d and 4th grades	80
Assistant	60
Bible woman	72

\$782

Central Japan.

<i>Yamagata</i> , Bible woman	\$ 72
<i>Aoyama</i> , Scholarships	380
Science teacher	234
Industrial Scholarships	80
<i>Yokohama</i> , Ground rent	60
Insurance	200
Fuel and lights	75
Scholarships	280
Preparatory teacher	72
Mrs. Inagaki	72
<i>Yamabuckicho</i> day school	600
Kindergarten	150
Literary work	35
<i>Nagoya</i> , Teacher of Chinese and Japanese	125
Sewing teacher	150
Matron	75

\$2,600

South Japan.

<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships	\$ 280
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North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Salary of Miss E. G. Young	\$ 750
Salary of Miss G. Gilman	650
Tartar City day school	75
Hospital	400
Scholarships	900

<i>Tsin Hua</i> , Salary of Dr. E. G. Terry	650
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Salary of Miss E. E. Glover	750
City day school	75
Boarding school teacher	40
Hospital expenses	100
Coolie	40
Assistant	40
Matron	40
Gate keeper	40
Night watchman	40
Scholarships	540

<i>Tientsin</i> , Salary of Miss M. Croucher	750
Gate keeper	40
Scholarships	60

\$5,980

West China.

<i>Chung King</i> , Scholarships	\$ 80
Bible-woman	30
<i>Chentu</i> , Salary of Miss C. J. Collier	450
Rent	50
Scholarships	60

\$670

Central China.

<i>Nanking</i> , City day school teacher	\$ 40
Scholarships	175

\$215

Foochow.

<i>Foochow</i> , Girls' boarding school	\$ 240
Orphans	60
<i>Ku Cheng</i> , Womans' school	150
Bible-woman	50
Day school	25
Repairs	20
<i>Iong Bing</i> , Salary of Miss M. C. Hartford	750
Repairs and rent	50
<i>Hai Tang</i> , Woman's school	300
Bible women	96
Day schools and traveling	210

\$1,951

Hing Hua.

<i>Ing Chung</i> , Salary of Miss A. M. Todd	\$ 600
Salary of Miss J. A. Marriott	600
Bible women	75

\$1,275

Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , Scholarships	\$ 80
Matron and other service	220
Taxes	25

\$325

Italy.

<i>Via Garibaldi</i> , Scholarships	\$ 300
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South America.

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Rent	\$ 200
Teachers	200
Scholarships	88
<i>Rosario</i> , Assistant	400
Scholarships	200
Repairs and taxes	200
School supplies	30
Furniture	50
<i>Montevideo</i> , Salary of Miss B. E. Kneeland	750
Scholarships	100
Taxes	150
Insurance	40
School supplies	100
Interest	100

\$2,603

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 150
School supplies	200
Bible woman	100
<i>Miraflores</i> , Miss Concha Perez...	240
Miss Sara Valverde.....	210
Porter	70
<i>Pachuca</i> , Assistant, Miss M. Orozco	174
Normal teacher, Miss R. Perez	240
Scholarships	100
Water tax and repairs	86
<i>Puebla</i> , Salary of Miss J. Palacios	500
Scholarships	150
<i>Guamajuato</i> , Salary of Miss M. A. Moore	750
Dormitory supplies.....	100

\$3,070

SUMMARY.

North India	\$ 7,500
North West India	1,404
Bombay	1,030
South India	2,025
Bengal	350
Malaysia	1,423
Korea	2,320
North Japan	782
Central Japan	2,660
South Japan	280
North China	5,980
West China	670
Central China.....	215
Foochow	1,951
Hing Hua	1,275
Bulgaria.....	325
Italy	300
South America	2,603
Mexico	3,070

Total

\$36,223

Lucknow College (conditional)	700
Manila	733
Central Japan, 20th Cent. T. O. 1900-01.....	400
Sieng Lu, China, 20th Cent. T. O. 1901-02	28.25

Grand total.....

\$38,084.25

NEW YORK BRANCH.

North India.

Bareilly-Kumaon District.

<i>Naini Tal</i> , Bible-women.....	\$ 25
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman..	50
<i>Dwarahat</i> , Scholarships, 5 @ \$20.	100
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Miss Annie Budden, salary	450
Miss Hayes, salary.....	240
Miss Oram, salary.....	200
Scholarships, 8 @ \$20	160
Womans' Home (partial).....	100
Industrial work	320
Bible-women	96
Mrs. Newman's two Bible-women.....	100

Conference expenses.....	\$ 17
Conveyance (half)	60
Itinerating	40
Repairs (half)	50
Debt in Pithoragarh work	300

\$2,133

Bareilly; Girl's Orphanage.

<i>Bareilly</i> , Miss Fannie English, salary	\$ 650
Scholarships	1,755
First assistant.....	240
Second Assistant.....	220

City and Village Work.

City schools	133
Mohulla and Village-work.....	165
Bible-women	160
Ten small homes for 10 Bible-women	100
Conveyances	120
Woman's Schools: teachers.....	120
Books and incidentals	12
<i>Shahjahanpur</i> , West, Bible-women.....	60
Mrs. Neeld's itinerating	50
<i>Shahjahanpur</i> , East, Bible-women	56
Conveyance.....	33
4 city schools.....	33
Repairs	33
Widows	45
<i>Katra</i> , Bible-women and schools	48
<i>Khera Bajhera</i> , Bible-women and schools	33
<i>Faridpur</i> , Bible-women and schools.....	64

\$4,130

Garhwal District.

<i>Pauri</i> , Scholarships, 6 @ \$20.....	\$ 120
One medical scholarship	40
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman "Sarah"	50
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman "Eleanor Gill".....	50
Medicine	25

\$285

Moradabad District.

<i>Budaon</i> , Miss Kate Curtis, salary	\$ 650
<i>Moradabad</i> , Scholarships, 3 @ \$20	60
Evangelistic work (Miss Means).	

Conveyance.....	90
Bible-women	140

District Work.

<i>Krakrala</i> , Bible-women.....	\$ 92
<i>Binawar</i> , Bible-women.....	80
<i>L'jhna</i> " "	80
<i>Dataganj</i> " "	85
<i>Bhamora</i> " "	64
<i>Aonla</i> " "	132
<i>Bils</i> " "	106
<i>Bistauli</i> " "	128
<i>Bijnour</i> , One scholarship... ..	20

\$1,727

Pilibhit District.

<i>Pilibhit</i> , Bible-women and teachers	\$ 200
<i>Fatchganj</i> , Bible-women and teachers	200
<i>Mirganj</i> , Bible-women and teachers	80
<i>Shahi</i> , Bible-women and teachers	100
<i>Bisalpur</i> , Bible-women and teachers	60
<i>Navabganj</i> , Bible-women and teachers	40
<i>Puranpur</i> , Bible-women and teachers	48
<i>Rampur</i> , Bible-women and teachers	60
<i>Sirauli</i> , Bible-women and teachers	80
<i>Baheri</i> , Bible-women and teachers	100
Itinerating	32
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	\$1,000

Hardoi District.

<i>Hardoi</i> , Scholarships, 15 @ \$20... \$	300
Bible-women	114
Mrs. Tupper's itinerating	20
House rent.....	6

Cirenit Work.

<i>Sandila</i> , Bible-women and teachers	44
<i>Safarpur</i> , Bible-women and teachers	36
<i>Sande</i> , Bible-women and teachers	48
<i>Unao</i> , Bible-women and teachers	96
<i>Pahani</i> , Bible-women and teachers	48
<i>Bilgram</i> , Bible-women and teachers	75
<i>Milauran</i> , Bible-women and teachers	52
<i>Shahabad</i> , Bible-women and teachers	132
Roofing school building	400
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	\$1,371

Oudh District.

<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible-woman, Caroline Richards.	\$ 60
Conveyance.	140
Bible-women	84
<i>Sitapur</i> , Miss Ida G. Loper, salary	650
Scholarships, 8 @ \$20	160
Bible-woman, Georgiana Dempster.....	40
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	\$1,134

Gonda District.

<i>Gonda District</i> , schools.....	\$ 44
Conveyance	53
Itinerating	20

<i>Bahraich</i> , Bible-women and teachers	\$ 116
<i>Kaisarganj</i> , Bible-women and teachers	26
<i>Bhinga</i> , Bible-women and teachers	63
<i>Naupara</i> , Bible-women and teachers	40
<i>Ellenpur and Mankapur</i>	160
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	\$522
North India, Total.....	\$12,477

North West India.

Allahabad District.

<i>Allahabad</i> , Scholarships 8 @ \$15.. \$	120
Assistant.....	200
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	\$320

Cawnpore District.

Girls Boarding School.

Scholarships, 33 @ \$25	\$ 500
Assistant (half)	110
District Bible-women, 16 @ \$25..	400
Itinerating	34
District and Evangelistic work	20
High school, Two Scholarships	72

\$1,136

Meerut District.

Girls Boarding School.

<i>Meerut</i> , Scholarships, 6 @ \$15... \$	90
Bible-women, 8 @ \$25.....	200
Itinerating	50
Evangelistic work.....	83

\$423

Muttra District.

<i>Muttra</i> , Scholarships 13 @ \$15... \$	200
Six village women.....	96
<i>Brindaban</i> , Bible women.....	90
<i>Agra</i> , City work, assistant.....	240
Bible-women.....	80
Conveyance	67
Wheel tax and Jimrickshaw....	24
Repairs and Day School	77

\$874

North West India, Total \$2,753

Bombay Conference.

Bombay District.

<i>Bombay</i> , Evangelistic work, new worker in Mrs. Fritchley's work	\$ 280
Mrs. Bhimjibhoy.....	160
Mrs. Shantibai David	140
Emilybai Abraham	80
Mrs. M. Nathan (replacing Katiza Sultan).....	68
Bible-women and Conveyance..	240

Taxes and Insurance (half)....	\$ 110
Scholarships, 38 @ \$20.....	760
Furniture	100
Miss Christina H. Lawson, salary	650
Miss Elizabeth Nichols, salary and home passage	675
Miss Helen Robinson, outfit, passage and salary	1,000
Poona, Taylor High School.	
Miss Martelle Elliott, salary and home passage	675
Miss Estelle Files, salary	325
Scholarships, 10 @ \$20	200
Bennie Cummings with Rev. D. O. Fox.....	25
Taxes (half) ..	50
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	\$5,538

Central Provinces District.

Narsinghpur, Bible-women and Conveyance, Miriam, Sutnee and Phulibai	\$ 192
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Gujarat District.

Ahmedabad, Bible-women.....	\$ 72
Baroda, Scholarships, 15 @ \$20..	300
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	\$564

Bombay, Total.....	\$6,102
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South India Conference.

Hyderabad District.

Hyderabad, Zenana Assistant (partial).....	\$ 80
Secunderabad, Bowenpalli school	80
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	\$160

Madras District.

Kolar, Zenana Assistant, Miss. Bertha Sherwood.....	\$ 200
Munshi	19
2 Bible-women	26
Scholarships, 18 @ \$20	360
Widows	160
Madras, Taxes	100
Scholarships, 65 @ \$20.....	1,300
Miss Chattelier	180
Munshi	20
3 City and 3 Village schools.....	468
Matron	200
Zenana Work, Miss Murray	220
Bible-women	120
Conveyances	220
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	\$3,593

Raichur District.

Scholarships, 20 @ \$20 ..	\$ 400
Bible-women	100
Conveyance ..	100
Miss Dickson	202
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	\$802
Total.....	\$4,555

Building in Raichur.....	\$ 1,000
From East German Conference for Home in Raichur....	1,000
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South India, Total.....	\$6,555

Bengal Conference.

Asansol District, One scholarship	\$ 15
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Balpur District.

Mrs. Liedeu in charge; Two Bible-women.....	\$ 88
One teacher.....	40
Village schools ..	12
Two Jhees.....	28
Repairs	12
Bullock, cart and man for village work.....	48

Calcutta District.

Bengali work, for Mrs. Lee:	
Bible-women, 2 @ \$50; 2 @ \$32..	\$ 164
Shorola \$25, Zimree \$15.....	40
Scholarships, 4 @ \$25, Cent. N.Y.	100
" 3 @ \$25, N. Y. East	75
Calcutta Girls Orphanage, Miss Stumpf orphans, five @ \$40	206
Deaconess Home Rent (half)...	400
" Miss E. Maxey, salary	335
Hindustani work, Mrs. Robinson	
Bible-woman	40
Rent for school room.....	24
Teacher	40
Pakur, on Orphanage Building..	70
" Scholarships, 9 @ \$20.....	180
Tamluk, School work	
Miss Jennie Moyer (Phila Br. 50)	500
For Building, (Central N. Y.) ..	900

Bengal, Total	\$3,311
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Burma Conference.

Rangoon, Emma Kunzl, scholar-ship	\$ 80
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Malaysia Conference.

Kuala Lumpur, Mrs. Mary Meek, salary ..	\$ 425
Vernacular Teacher	48
Scholarships.....	40
Finance Com. and Conf. transit	57
Contingencies ..	30
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Malaysia, Total.....	\$600
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Philippines.

Deaconess Home in Manila.....	\$780
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North China Conference.

Peking, Mrs. C. M. Jewell, salary	\$ 650
" " pony.....	50
Mrs. Gamewell's incidentals, bath-room and windmill ..	350

Scholarships, 20 @ \$30	\$ 600
Bible-woman	40
<i>Tientsin</i> , Boarding school	
Scholarships, 5 @ \$30	150
<i>Tsunhua</i> , Boarding school	
Scholarships, 11 @ \$30	330
Bible-woman	40

North China, Total..... \$2,210

Central China Conference.

<i>Chinking</i> , Miss Lucy Hoag, salary	\$ 600
Scholarships, 14 @ \$25	350
Medical work	150
Katie (by Montclair)	35
<i>Nanking</i> , Scholarships, 2 @ \$25	50
<i>Wuhu</i> , Miss Emma Mitchell, salary	600
Incidentals	150
Bible-woman	40
6 Day schools @ \$40	240
House rent for Missionary	125
Itinerating	50
Gateman	25
<i>Kiu Kiang</i> , Miss Carrie J. Dreihelbies	600
Incidentals	150
Scholarships, 12 @ \$25	300
Day schools, 4 @ 40	160
Bible-women, 2 @ 40	80
<i>Nanchang</i> , School desks	250
School appliances	50

Central China, Total..... \$4,005

Foochow Conference.

<i>Foochow District</i> , Woman's school (partial)	\$ 150
Insurance	15
Bible-women	100
Girl's Boarding School, Scholarships, 8 @ \$20	160
Miss Florence Plumb, salary	600
Incidentals	150
Miss Phebe Wells, salary	600
Orphanage, 8 @ \$30	240
Debt to Mrs. Breuster	200
	\$2,215

Ming Chiang District.

Dr. Mary E. Carleton, salary	\$ 600
Incidentals	150
Medical students	50
Watchman	25
One orphan	30
Medical work	450
To finish building and furniture	650

Kucheng District.

Miss Marguerite E. Glenk, salary	\$ 600
Incidentals	150
Woman's school (half)	150
8 Bible-women	200

8 Day schools and traveling ..	\$ 200
Girls Boarding School, 5 @ \$20 ..	100
Furniture for Home (half) ..	50
Insurance	40

Long-bing District.

Miss Allie Linam	\$ 600
Training school	100
Rent	50
Publishing Conference minutes ..	25

Foochow Conference, Total . \$6,435

Hing Hwa Conference.

For Sieng In Building, from East German Conference ..	\$370
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Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Ewa HaKtung, Scholarships, 14 @ \$40	\$ 560
Erumun Teacher, G. H. Moon ..	60
<i>Chong Dong</i> , Bible-woman, Theresa	50
Bible-woman, Delia	50
Woman's Hospital, In-patients (partial)	125
Fuel	175
Repairs	100
Drugs and instruments	250
Dr. Mary Cutler	700

East Gate, Repairs on Seranton Home 25 |

<i>Tal Sung</i> , Bible-woman, Sarah ..	50
" " Hannah ..	50
" " Alice Barr ..	50
" " Melissa ..	50

Day school	50
Muchinai Day school	50
Coolie (Miss Hammond)	50
Fuel	75
Miss Hammond, salary	600
Incidentals	150
Itinerating	75
<i>Chemulpo</i> , Bible-woman, Helen ..	50
" " Helena ..	50

Day school	50
Miss Lulu Miller, salary	600
Incidentals	150
Itinerating	50
Gateman (half)	25

Pyeong Yang, Hospital Dispensary Assistant 100 |

Dispensary Bible-woman	50
Bible-woman, Susan	50
Repairs	50
Fuel	150
Blind Class	60
Blind Girl, Pongnai	40
In-patients	100
Dr. Rosetta S. Hall, salary	700
Miss Ethel M. Estey, salary	600
Incidentals	150
Miss Henrietta Robbins	550
Itinerating, Miss Estey and Dr. Hall	200

<i>Chingnanpo</i> , Bible-woman, Dora	\$ 50
School building	100
Finishing Pyeng Yang Home (Phila 500)	500
General expenses, freight and duty (half)	50
Printing Annual Report	25
Medical traveling	50
Korea, total	\$7,895

Japan.

North Japan, Hakodate District.

Caroline Wright Memorial School.

Miss Minnie S. Hampton, salary	\$ 600
Incidentals	150
School ground rent	65
" insurance	90
" repairs	100
Scholarships, 15 @ \$40	600
Teachers, Chinese, Mr. Kanem- itsa Uno	300
Teacher, Yamaka Hatsu	65
Matron, Saji San	87
Pupil Assistant, Matsui Kujo	60
" Aogi Taye	60
Industrial school teacher	60
Rent	25
City Evangelistic work, Bible- woman and teachers, rent	40
Mr. Yamaka, salary	72
Ishizuka Yoshi, salary	43
Travel, Tracts and City work	25
	\$2,442

Hirosaki District.

Hirosaki, Girls' school—Teachers.

First and Second grades, assis- tant	\$ 60
Eighth grade, teacher	270
Sewing, teacher	100
Assistant Sewing teacher	75
" " "	60
Drawing teacher	60
Evangelistic work, Bible- woman at Aomori	72
Nurse Girls' School, teacher	30
" " " rent and supplies	25
Yoshida Children's Meetings	30
Monthly Meetings (travel)	30

\$812
North Japan, total.....\$3,254

*Central Japan.**Sendai*, Bible-woman, Mrs. Hirabayashi

	\$ 72
Tokyo District.	
<i>Aoyama</i> , Jo Gakhin, insurance	\$ 150
Scholarships, 4 @ \$40	160
Harrison Memorial Industrial School.	
Scholarships, 2 @ \$40	80

<i>Tokyo</i> , Bible-woman	\$ 72
<i>Yatsuya</i> , Bible-woman	72
<i>Okuba</i> , travel	16
Books and tracts	25

Yokohama District.

Higgins Memorial Training School.	
Two scholarships	\$ 80
Oiso, Bible-woman	72
Literary work, Tokiwa, &c.	150

Nagoya District.

<i>Sieryu Jo Gakko</i> , Miss Anna P. Atkinson, salary	\$ 600
Incidentals	150
Teachers, Chinese, Japanese (half)	125
Teachers, Intermediate depart- ment	160
Teacher's assistant	75
Support of Haru Ichiku	40
Bible-women, second church	72
District travel	70

Central Japan, total.....\$2,241

South Japan Conference.

<i>South Kiushin, Kagoshima</i> , Miss Jennie M. Gheer, salary	\$ 600
Incidentals	150
Assistant	50
Mrs. Oshima, Kumamoto	125
Mrs. Kubo, Kagoshima	55
Mrs. Kawakubo, Kagoshima	100
Mrs. Yamada, Kokubu	85
Mrs. Morioka, Kagoshima	85
Mrs. Tokunaga, Nagasaki	55
<i>Loochoo Islands</i> , Mrs. Hori and two assistants	150
Sunday school, rent and sup- plies	50
Rent of house and taxes	200
District travel and city work	300
Miss Lida B. Smith, home sal- ary	300
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Kwassui Jo Takko, teacher, Japanese literature	180
Scholarships, 15 @ \$40	600
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Ei Wa Jo Gakko, schol- arships, 2 @ \$40	80

South Japan, total.....\$3,165

Japan, grand total.....\$8,660

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Seven scholarships @ \$50	\$ 350
Nature professor	240
French teacher (half)	90
Insurance	45
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman	50
<i>Pachuca</i> , Miss Eleazer Perez	200
Miss Maria Olivarez	174
3 scholarships @ \$50	150
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman	50

<i>Puebla</i> , Miss M. Tovar	\$ 150
Miss Manriquez.....	180
Matron	180
4 scholarships @ \$50.	200
Repairs	80

Mexico, total. \$2,139

South America.

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> . House rent.....	700
Miss Eleanora Le Huray, salary	600
Incidentals	150
Assistant teacher.....	400
Bible-woman	100
Servants.....	275
Taxes and repairs.....	200
Physician.....	75
School supplies.....	200
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman..	50
Scholarships, 12 @ \$83.37.....	668
Matron's assistant	50

<i>Montevideo</i> , Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman	50
Debt on building.....	600
<i>Peru</i> , Teacher	400
Passage out, Miss Elsie Wood, &c.....	400

Total for South America... \$4,918

Bulgaria.

<i>Loficha</i> , Miss Slavka Getchova... \$	175
Scholarship	40
Taxes.....	25

Bulgaria, total.. \$ 240

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Miss Ida M. Bowne, home salary.....	350
Miss Tognotti, Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman	70
Isabel Clarke, Crèche	150
Via Garibaldi Orphanage, 5 @ \$50	250
Sewing teachers	125
Matron and assistant.....	200
Crandon Hall, Mary Barratt...	100
Pisa Bible-woman, Miss Biondi.	125

Italy, total... \$1,370

Totals.

Africa.....	\$ 600
North India Conference.....	12,477
Northwest India	2,753
Bombay	6,102
South India	6,555
Bengal	3,311
Burma	80

India total... \$31,278

Malaysia.....	\$ 600
Manilla	780
North China Conference.....	2,210
Central "	4,005
Foochow	6,435
Hing Hua	370

China total..... \$13,020

Korea	\$ 7,895
North Japan Conference.....	3,254
Central "	2,241
South "	3,165

Japan total..... \$8,660

Mexico	\$ 2,139
South America	4,918
Bulgaria	240
Italy	1,370

Grand total..... \$71,500

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Lohha</i> , Bible-woman	\$ 25
Pithoragarh.....	80
Woman's Home.....	50
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage	200
Students' Wives Scholarships..	96
Kindergarten	72
<i>Paori</i> , Miss T. J. Kyle, salary...	650
First Assistant	240
Scholarships	300
Medical Scholarship.....	40
Three Village Schools.....	96
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships	80
<i>Lucknow</i> , Woman's College Med. and Doctor	125
City Schools and Conveyance ..	133
<i>Gonda</i> , First Assistant, Miss Edwards	200
Bible-women	136
Conveyance	80
New Conveyance	100
Building	200
<i>Batrampar</i> , Evangelistic work ..	160

North India, Total..... \$3,063

North West India.

<i>Allahabad</i> , Assistant	\$ 140
Bible Readers.....	200
Itinerating and Rickshaw.....	50
Scholarships	90
<i>Carrupore</i> , Bible Readers.....	88
Scholarships	280
Interest on debt.....	120
<i>Muttra</i> , Bible-women and Itinerating	350
<i>Agra</i> , Medical Home	340
<i>Lahore</i> , Scholarships.....	90

North West India, Total.. \$1,748

South India.

<i>Hyderabad</i> , Scholarships	\$ 100
Bible-women	190
<i>Kolar</i> , Miss Eva Peters, (partial)	60
Village Schools	80
Scholarships	80
<i>Raichur</i> , Scholarships	40

South India, Total..... \$550

Bombay.

<i>Bombay City</i> , Miss Forbes, salary	\$ 240
<i>Jabalpur</i> , City Schools	80
Chota Chindwar School	72
Miss L. Heafer, salary	650
<i>Baroda</i> , Miss M. Williams, salary	650
Miss S. B. Turner, salary and passage	850
Miss Nunan, salary	240
Second Assistant	220
Matron	200
Rent and Taxes	668
Scholarships	1,800
District Training School	500
Summer School	75

Bombay Total..... \$6,245

Bengal.

<i>Mozaffarpur</i> , Scholarships	\$ 120
Miss Moyer, salary, (partial)	50

Bengal Total

Burma.

<i>Thandauing</i> , Miss C. J. Illingworth, salary	\$ 600
Scholarships	120

Burma Total

Malaysia.

<i>Singapore</i> , Scholarships	\$ 180
Mrs. Jones, salary	180
Miss Fox, "	180
Mrs. Tien Piet, salary	72
Bible-woman	72
Contingencies	50

Malaysia Total..... \$734

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Scholarships	\$ 120
<i>Tientsin</i> , Memorial School Scholarships	360
Bible-woman	40
Gate Keeper	40
<i>Shan Tung</i> , Dr. R. R. Benn, salary	750
Hospital expenses and drugs	400
Repairs	50

North China Total..... \$1,760

Central China.

<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Miss Laura M. White, salary and traveling	\$ 750
Scholarships, (1)	100
Evangelistic work	25
<i>Kin Kiang</i> , Scholarships	175
Bible-woman	40

Central China Total

Foochow.

<i>Foochow</i> , Conference Seminary	\$ 100
Siang-An Medical Students	80
Dr. Hu King Eng, salary	450
City Hospital expenses	500
City Hospital assistant	45
Repairs	50
City Hospital Medical Students	40
Property Watchman	25
Orphanage	120
<i>Ku Cheng</i> , Bible-women	130
Scholarships	100

Foochow Total

North Japan.

<i>Sapporo</i> , Bible-Woman	\$ 72
<i>Hakodate</i> , Miss A. Dickerson, salary	700
Miss F. Singer, salary	750
Ground rent	27
Insurance	15
Repairs	50
Scholarships	360
Kindergarten teacher	144
Kindergarten assistant	72
Blind school	150
<i>Hirosaki</i> teacher, first and second grades	65
Repairs	25
Miss E. J. Hewett, salary	750

Total

Central Japan.

<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships, Aoyama	\$ 480
Pupil assistant, Aoyama	60
Miss M. A. Spencer, salary	700
Day school visitor	72
" " travel	40
Asakusa Day school	400
Bible-woman	72
Mizukaido, Bible-woman	72
Yokaichiba, Bible-woman	30
Travel of District Superintendent	100
<i>Yokohama</i> , Miss A. B. Slate, salary	550
Chapel organ	50
<i>Nagoya</i> , Nishio Bible-woman	72
Sending new missionary	400
<i>Tokyo</i> , Special teacher	250
Tokiwa	50

Total

South Japan.

<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 200
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Takamori.....	90
Total.....	\$290

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 240
<i>Chong Dong</i> , Bible-woman Han-nah.....	50
Hospital attendants.....	150
Insurance.....	20
Bible-woman, Mary Whang....	60
Dr. Esther Pak, salary.....	240
<i>Tal Sang</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Ni.....	50
Bible-woman's training school.....	225
Gateman.....	50
Miss N. Pierce, salary.....	750
Miss Pierce, itinerating.....	75
<i>Pyeng Yang</i> , Kang Syo, day school.....	50
Bible-woman.....	50
Bible institute.....	15
Pong Nong Dong day school....	50
Completion of home.....	500
Total.....	\$2,575

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Crèche (partial).....	\$ 100
Scholarships.....	200
Total.....	\$300

Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , Teacher Gatsa Lookanova.....	\$ 175
<i>Holanza</i> , Teacher.....	80
Bible work.....	100
Total.....	\$355

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Miss Alice W. Kurtz, salary.....	\$ 750
Scholarships.....	250
Miss Luz Aguilar.....	240
Matron, Miss Biviano Gezman.....	210
Treasurer's expenses.....	50
<i>San l'incinto</i> , Teacher, rent and school supplies.....	200
<i>Puebla</i> , Miss A. R. Limberger, salary.....	750
Miss C. M. Purdy, salary.....	750
Teacher, Miss Duarte, salary....	240
Bible-woman.....	105
Scholarships.....	270
Building Dormitories.....	300
<i>Tetela</i> , Teacher.....	150
<i>Guanaquato</i> , Miss E. M. Dunnuore, salary.....	750
Water tax and repairs.....	80
First assistant.....	205
Scholarships.....	100
Total.....	\$5,381

South America.

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Assistant teacher. Scholarships.....	\$ 200
Rent.....	83
Total.....	100
Total.....	\$383

Conditional.....	\$418
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Total \$34,000
 Thank offering to be appropriated to buildings not included in above.

SUMMARY.

North India Conference.....	\$ 3,063
North West India Conference....	1,748
South India.....	550
Bombay.....	6,245
Bengal.....	170
Burma.....	720
Malaysia.....	734
North China.....	1,760
Central China.....	1,090
Foochow.....	1,640
North Japan.....	3,180
Central Japan.....	3,398
South Japan.....	290
Korea.....	2,575
Italy.....	300
Bulgaria.....	355
Mexico.....	5,381
South America.....	383
Conditional.....	418

Total..... \$31,000

BALTIMORE BRANCH

North India.

<i>Naini Tal</i> , Assistant's Salary....	\$ 120
Teachers.....	25
Conveyance.....	33
<i>Dwarahat</i> , Scholarships.....	48
Itinerating.....	25
Bible-Women.....	60
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Bible-Women.....	80
<i>Moradabad</i> , Scholarships.....	140
<i>Sambhal District</i> , Bible Women..	44
Itineratins.....	12
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphans.....	140
<i>Lucknow</i> , R. E. Robinson's Salary	550
Isabel Hart Scholarship.....	26
Repairs.....	300
<i>Gonda</i> , Scholarships.....	135
Conveyance.....	33

Total... \$1,771

Bombay Conference.

<i>Bombay</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 120
<i>Boona</i> , Frederick Rice Memorial School.....	100
Medical Work.....	120
Three Girls in training.....	120

Total..... \$400

North West India.

<i>Muttra</i> , Bible-women	\$ 80
Three girls in training	120
Conveyance	33
<i>Aligarh</i> , Evangelistic work	120
Miss Gallimore's Home Salary..	150
Total	\$503

South India.

<i>Raipur</i> , House rent ..	\$ 160
First assistant	240
Matron	200
Conveyance.....	60
Bible readers and teachers ..	60
Orphanage	180
Home for missionary	2,500
Mrs. Gilder's itinerating ..	100
<i>Sironcha</i> , Conveyance	30
Bible-women and teachers ..	50
Scholarships	80
<i>Hyderabad</i> , Miss Ross, salary ..	260
Matron	100
Elizabeth Snyder school.....	80
Scholarships in boarding school	80
<i>Kolar</i> , Scholarships	280
Miss Eva Peters	45
Village schools.....	80
<i>Madras</i> , Miss Grace Stephens ..	325
Taxes	100
Orphans and scholarships	680
Village school (Guilford Ave.)..	60
Elizabeth	56
Bible-woman	60
Sooboonagam Annual	124
<i>Raichur</i> , Rent.....	200
Scholarship	100
Total	\$6,370

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Scholarships	\$ 280
Matron	50
School	40
School	50
In patients.....	20
Bible-women and Day School ..	90
Miss Lewis, salary	700
Miss Lewis, itinerating.....	50
Total	\$1,280

North Japan.

<i>Hakodate</i> , Scholarships	\$ 160
<i>Hirotsuki</i> , Bible-women	72
Total	\$232

South Japan.

<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 200
Primary teachers.....	50
Total	\$250

Central Japan.

<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 240
Industrial School	40
Teacher, penmanship	50
Teacher, embroidery	65
Miss Bender's salary	600
Miss Bender's incidentals.....	150
<i>Yokohama</i> , Fuel and lights	50
Poor school.....	120
Day school, visitor	50
Bible-woman	72
Miss Lewis' salary	600
Miss Lewis' incidentals	150
Miss Lewis' travel	50
Miss Draper's mothers' meeting	40
<i>Nagoya</i> , Insurance	75
Assistant.....	75
Total	\$2,427

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 180
<i>Tientsin</i> , Hospital matron	40
Total	\$220

Central China.

<i>Chinkiang</i> , Orphans.....	\$ 50
<i>Kirckiang</i> , Scholarships	150
Total	\$200

Foochow Conference.

<i>Foochow</i> , Girls' Boarding School.	\$ 240
Siang-au Hospital Bible-woman	24
Siang-au medical students	80
City Hospital expenses	100
City Hospital Bible-woman	24
City Hospital medical student.	40
Mrs. Tippet's salary.....	550
Orphans	300
<i>Ming-Chiang</i> , Woman's Training School	175
Dr. Carleton's matron	50
<i>Ku-Cheng</i> , Day schools and travel	200
Deaf and Dumb Dept.	20
<i>Ngu-Ching</i> , Dr. Master's medical work.....	100
Publishing Conference Minutes	10
Official expenses	20
Total	\$1,933

Hing-Hua Conference.

<i>Hing-Hua</i> , Hamilton girls' scholarship	\$ 20
Juliet Turner woman's school...	300
<i>Siang-In</i> , Scholarships (Isabel Hart School).....	100
Total	\$420

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Mrs. Mando's salary.....	\$ 90
Crèche	30
Total	\$120

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarship	\$ 100
Grand total.	\$15,931
Conditional	650
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SUMMARY.

North India	\$ 1,770
Northwest India	503
South India	6,370
Bombay	460
North China	220
Central China	509
Foochow	1,933
Hing-Hua	420
Korea	1,280
North Japan	232
South Japan	250
Central Japan	2,427
Italy	120
Mexico	100

Conditional.

Manila property.	\$ 150
Raipur Home	500
Total.	<hr/> \$16,935

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

North India Conference.

<i>Naini Tal</i> , Hospital, (conditional)	\$ 1,000
<i>Barcilly</i> , Orphanage	300
Village work	240
<i>Shahjahanpore</i> , Scholarships.	750
Assistant	160
Bible readers	56
<i>Tilhur</i> , Bible readers	96
<i>Jalalabad</i> , Bible readers.	68
<i>Parayen</i> , " "	68
<i>Panahpore</i> , " "	20
<i>Mohandi</i> , " "	40
<i>Moradabad</i> , Miss Alice Means ..	325
Scholarships	280
Itinerating	100
First Assistant	200
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships	200
<i>Lucknow</i> , Persian teacher.	100
Secretary	200
First assistant.	240
Second assistant.	240
Scholarships	260
Repairs	200
New roof	1,000
<i>Home for Homeless</i> , Miss Hardie.	325
Assistant.	200
Matron and teachers ..	225
<i>Sitapur</i> , First assistant in Boarding School.	220
Zenana assistant.	200
Conveyance	120
Scholarships	800

<i>Barabanki</i> , Schools and Bible-women	\$ 190
District work	350
<i>Gondah</i> , Miss Hoge, home salary and return	650
Scholarships	400
Repairs, conveyance and medicine	200
Miss Scott's salary ..	325
Total.	<hr/> \$10,348

North West India Conference.

<i>Cawnpore</i> , First assistant.	\$ 200
<i>Brindiban</i> , Repairs	25
Rescue work	25
Conveyance	85

Medical.

Compounder and medicines ..	375
Lillian Hakim	150
Dispensary, servant and contingent	70
Dispensary building	2,000
Scholarships	230
Return of Miss Scott and salary ..	900

Total for Conference. \$4,060

South India Conference.

<i>Raipur</i> , Miss Thomas.	\$ 220
Scholarships	120
<i>Sironcha</i> , Sending Missionary and opening work	2,000
Land tax	20
<i>Vikarabad</i> , Bible-women and teachers	100
Conveyance and matron.	50
Scholarships	140
Land tax	60
<i>Bangalore</i> , Schools and Bible-women	250
<i>Kolar</i> , Orphans	340
<i>Raichur</i> , Miss Carver.	650
Scholarships	20

Total for South India Conference .. . \$3,970

Bengal Conference.

<i>Calcutta</i> , Schools and Bible-women	\$ 900
<i>Pakur Dispensary</i> , Servants, Bible-women and conveyance	200
Orphans	280
Repairs	52
<i>Tumlook</i> , Miss Blair	325
Bible-women, teachers and rent ..	225
Building Fund	1,000
<i>Durgieting</i> , Miss Wisner's salary ..	600

Total for Bengal .. . \$3,582

Malaysia.

<i>Singapore</i> , Miss E. Norris.....	\$ 72
Scholarships	140
<i>Kuala Lumpur</i> , Miss Anderson..	450
Teacher	40
Conference expenses.....	30
Evangelistic work	100
<i>Penang</i> , Teachers and rent.....	300
<i>Taiping</i> , Sanitarium	500
Total for Malaysia.....	\$1,632

Manila.

For new property.....	\$830
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Bombay Conference.

<i>Poona</i> , Schools and Evangelistic work.....	\$ 860
<i>Baroda</i> , Orphans	240
<i>Jabalpore</i> , Dr. Annie Norton's salary	650
Medicines.....	300
Total for Bombay Conference	\$2,050

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Boarding school	\$ 530
Home salary of Miss Shockley..	350
Conditional	620
Total for North China ..	\$1,500

Foochow Conference.

Miss Jewell	\$ 750
Bible-women	120
Repairs	60
Miss Binafield	600
Scholarships	480
Medical Students.....	80
Total for Conference.	\$2,090

Hing Hua Conference.

Boarding school	\$ 120
Leper day school	200
Bible-women	400
Day schools and traveling	500

<i>Sing Tu</i> , Woman's school.....	\$ 400
Day schools and traveling	420
Bible-women and "	400
Miss Lebeus, home salary	350

Total for Conference..... \$2,790

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 480
Gateman	50
Books and stationary.....	50
Miss Lulu Frey, salary and incidentals.....	750
<i>Baldwin Dispensary</i> ,	75
Gateman	50
Bible-woman	50
Repairs	75
<i>East Gate</i> , Dr. Ernsberger, salary and incidentals	750
Drugs and instruments.....	300
Dispensary assistant.....	75
Insurance	25
Day school	40
<i>Chemulpo</i> , Miss Hellman, salary, etc	750
Itinerating	50
Priscella, Bible-woman	50
<i>Pieng Yang</i> , Drugs and instruments	125
Bible-woman for Mrs. McGill..	50
Insurance	60
<i>Chong Dong</i> , Hester, Bible-woman	50
Susanna, Bible-woman	50
Miss Edmunds	550

Total \$4,405

North Japan.

Miss Bing's home salary.....	\$ 350
District Bible-women	72
Traveling expenses of District Supt.....	100
For Ladies' Home.....	1,500
<i>Hakodati</i> , Scholarships.....	160

Total for North Japan..... \$2,182

Central Japan.

<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 200
Sunday school work.....	30
Matron	48
Teacher of drawing	60
Etiquette and sewing.....	132
<i>Harrison Memorial</i> Sewing teacher.....	65
<i>Nagoya</i> , Teacher of drawing....	150
Literary work	50

Total for Central Japan.. \$735

Southern Japan.

<i>Kinshin Jo Gokko</i> , Miss Russell's salary ..	\$ 750
Miss Young, salary.....	750
Miss Redwell, "	750
Science teacher	200
Translation.....	150
Chinese literature.....	75
Scholarships	560
Ground rent.....	175
Insurance	175
Dispensary	100

Art department	\$ 250
Industrial department.....	120
Repairs	250
Painting house.....	300

Total..... \$4,605

North Kushiu.

Miss Leonore Seeds.....	\$ 700
District travel and city work...	100

Total..... \$800

Bible-Women.

Mrs. Takamori—Fukuoka.....	\$ 90
Mss. Kato—Hakato.....	90
Mrs. Saruta—WakaMetzu.....	100
Miss Omura—Kitakati.....	100
One new Bible-Woman.....	65

Total..... \$445

South Kiushiu.

Two Kumomota B. Women....	\$190
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Eima Jo Gokko.

Scholarships.....	\$ 160
Teachers	800
Repairs	120
Insurance	120
Painting house.....	200

Total..... \$1,400

Total for Southern Japan. \$7,440

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Miss Ayers.....	\$ 750
Miss Carreon	250
Miss Velasco.....	240
Scholarships.....	240
Porter	210
Repairs	170
French teacher	90
Street and water tax.....	140
<i>Puebla</i> , Miss Palacois	500
Music teacher.....	120
Porter.....	140
Taxes.....	240
School supplies.....	180
Repairs	100
<i>Orizaba</i> , Miss Ernestina Sanchez	200
School supplies.....	170

Total for Mexico..... \$3,740

Total for Italy..... 350

Total for Africa..... 300

SUMMARY.

North India Conference.....	\$10,348
Northwest India Conference.....	4,060
South India Conference.....	3,970
Bengal Conference.....	3,582

Malaysia Conference.....	\$ 1,632
Manila.....	830
Bombay.....	2,050
North China.....	1,500
Foochow.....	2,090
Hing Hua.....	2,790
Korea.....	4,405
North Japan.....	2,182
Central Japan.....	735
South Japan.....	7,440
Mexico.....	3,740
Italy.....	350
Africa.....	300

Total..... \$52,234

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Dwarahat</i> , Assistant.....	\$ 160
Scholarships.....	200
Bible-women	60
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Medical assistant	
and medicines.....	200
Woman's Home.....	50
Fourth assistant.....	210
Bible-woman	30
Scholarships.....	360
<i>Pauri</i> , Second assistant	220
Scholarships.....	200
Medical scholarships.....	40
Bible-women	350
Medical woman	40
Medicines and itinerating	100
<i>Bareilly</i> , Scholarships.....	525
Dr. Lewis	650
Assistant	200
Medical work.....	500
Medical training-class.....	120
Support of six beds.....	120
Bible-woman	30
<i>Moradabad</i> , Second assistant	240
Scholarships.....	300
Training class	80
Circuit and village work.....	520
Mrs. Core's itinerating	35
<i>Budaon</i> , Second assistant	180
Scholarships.....	225
Schools and village work.....	350
<i>Bijnour</i> , First assistant.....	240
Scholarships.....	225
Bible-women	95
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss Singh.....	650
Miss Brouse	650
Miss Manson	300
Miss Newton, home salary.....	300
Third assistant.....	40
Winslow scholarships.....	275
Blind women	75
Evangelistic Band	25
Organ for Isabella Thoburn	
College.....	100
Isabella Thoburn College.....	1,000
<i>Gonda</i> , Scholarship.....	20
Assistant	240

\$10,530

Northwest India.

<i>Aligarh</i> , 2 scholarships, 1 orphanage	\$ 3,200
Repairs	20
Industrial Home scholarships	795
Widows	495
Mrs. Matthews	325
Miss Murray	220
<i>Allahabad</i> , Scholarships	525
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Mrs. Worthington	325
Land rent and taxes	50
Scholarships	450
Village and mohulla work	225
Day schools	70
<i>Bulandshahr</i> , Bible readers	525
Purchase of conveyance	150
<i>Muttra</i> , Land rent and repairs	100
English scholarships	180
Munshis and incidentals	80
Hindustani scholarships	345
Second assistant	200
Debt	250
<i>Meerut</i> , Scholarship	20
<i>Agra</i> , Bible-women	60
<i>Phaleva</i> , Miss Greene	600
Travelling expenses	300
Assistant	110
Furniture	70
Miss Wright	325
Travelling expenses	300
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	\$10,315

South India.

<i>Kolar</i> , Miss Fisher	\$ 325
Miss Woods	325
House expenses	150
Miss Grace Peters	260
Travelling expenses, Miss Fisher	350
Assistant	180
Matron	200
Munshi	20
Scholarships	900
Interest	250
<i>Madras</i> , Miss Doyle	260
Miss Z. Doyle	260
Scholarships	400
Bible-women	160
Conveyance	100
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	\$4,140

Bombay.

<i>Bombay</i> , Miss Chovey	\$ 160
Teachers	200
Bible-women	115
Conveyance	100
Matron	225
Scholarships	800
Taxes	115
<i>Poonat</i> , Matron	100
Assistant	250
Taxes	50
Building Fund	1,000
<i>Jubbalpur</i> , Miss Bennett	325
<i>Godhra</i> , Miss Abbott	325
House expenses	75

Furniture	\$ 100
Assistance	180
Scholarships	500
Matron	180
Conveyance	225
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	\$5,025

Bengal.

<i>Asansol</i> , Miss Forster	\$ 600
Miss Verneaux	160
Miss Moore	160
Miss Hoskings	160
Bible-woman	50
Scholarships	1,200
<i>Calcutta</i> , Orphanage	360
Bible-woman	40
Rent and incidentals	400
<i>Darjeeling</i> , Miss McKinley	600
Property	1,000
<i>Mazefferpur</i> , Scholarships	600
General work	650
New Missionary	1,000
<i>Pakur</i> , Travelling expenses, Miss Jacobsen	300
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	\$7,280

Burmah.

<i>Rangoon</i> , Miss Stahl	\$ 600
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Malaysia.

<i>Singapore</i> , Matron	\$ 144
Scholarships	100
Contingencies	100
Interest	132
<i>Taiping</i> , Miss Jackson	600
Travelling expenses	50
Teachers	96
Scholarships	100
<i>Manila</i> , Property	2,100
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	\$3,422

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Dr. Gloss	\$ 650
Scholarships	420
<i>Tientsin</i> , Dr. Martin	750
Miss Martin	750
Hospital expenses	150
Assistant	40
Chair-hire and coolies	90
<i>Tai An</i> , Miss Steere	650
Boarding school	300
Day schools	50
Training school	30
Repairs	50
Purchase of Property	500
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	\$4,430

Central China.

<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Miss Robinson	\$ 600
Scholarships	170
Bible-woman	40
<i>Nanking</i> , Miss Shaw	600
Miss Peters	600
Mrs. Davis	600

Miss Rowley	\$ 600
Scholarships	450
Bible-women	80
Woman's school	260
<i>Kin Kiang</i> , Miss Howe	600
Incidentals	150
Miss Merrill, home salary	250
Traveling expenses	300
Scholarships	300
Woman's training school	300
Dr. Kahn	450
Medical Work	500
Miss Pierce	550
Furniture	100
Hospital	100

\$7,600

West China.

<i>Chung King</i> , Miss Decker	\$ 300
Incidentals	150
Scholarships	260
Repairs and insurance	40
Painting Deaconess home	100
Insurance	50
Traveling expenses	30
Woman's training school	75
Bible-women	60
Medicines	350
Hospital beds	45
Instruments	150
Furniture and supplies	150
<i>Chentu</i> , Bible-woman	30
Scholarships	60
Building	500
<i>Sailing</i> , Day school	40
Bible-woman and traveling	45

\$2,445

Foochow.

<i>Foochow</i> , Day school and traveling	\$ 375
Insurance	65
Boarding school scholarships	200
Orphans	270
Dr. Lyon	600
Incidentals	150
Hospital expenses	950
Repairs	150
<i>Ming Chiang</i> , Miss Peters	600
Miss Longstreet, home salary	175
Traveling expenses	300
Bible women	250
Training school	100
Day school and traveling	300
Insurance	50
<i>Ku Cheng</i> , Scholarships	240
<i>Yeu Ping</i> , Boarding school	400
Day schools	300
Bible-women	165
Training school	50
<i>Ngu Cheng</i> , Dr. Masters	600
Incidentals	150
Hospital expenses	600
Repairs and insurance	75
General, Publishing minutes	15
Boatman	30

Total..... \$7,160

Hing Hua.

<i>Hing Hua</i> , Scholarships	\$ 135
Bible-women	175
Miss Wilson	450
Miss Westcott	450
<i>Sieng Lu</i> , Scholarship	20
New missionary	1,000
<i>Ing Chung</i> , Girls' boarding school	300
Day schools and training school	300
Bible-women	125
Building (conditional)	1,000

Total..... \$3,955

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Scholarships	\$ 280
Repairs, insurance and fuel	575
Visiting nurse, Cheng dong	50
<i>Pyeng Yeng</i> , Day school	60

Total..... \$965

North Japan.

<i>Hakodate</i> , Scholarships	\$ 240
Mathematics teacher	270
Preparatory teacher	115
Science teacher	115
<i>Hirosaki</i> , Kindergarten teacher	100
Odate poor school	30
Land	100

Total..... \$970

Central Japan.

<i>Sendai</i> , Miss Heaton	\$ 700
District work	75
School building	500
<i>Tokyo</i> , Miss Alling	700
Repairs	150
Watchman	55
Scholarships	680
Chinese teacher	270
Literature teacher	100
Translation teacher	200
Music teacher	215
English teacher	200
Primary teacher	115
Pupil assistant	60
Special teachers	200
Painting	200
Fukagana day school	400
<i>Nagoya</i> , Mathematics teacher	200
Science teacher	200
Music teacher	110
Bible-woman, First church	70
Bible-woman, Toyahashi	70
City work	40
Repairs	60
<i>Yokohama</i> , Mrs. Van Petten	700
Fuel, lights and repairs	225
Books, tracts and travel	90
Scholarships	280
Theology teacher	180
Music teacher	80

Sewing and etiquette teacher..	\$ 90
Day schools	675
Bible-woman	30
Publication work	75
Total	\$7,995

South Japan.

Nagasaki, Miss Melton.....	\$ 600
Incidentals	150
Mathematics teachers	400
Scholarships	200
City work	150
Bible-school assistant.	100
Primary teacher.....	50
Fukuoka, Miss Mabel Seeds	550
Scholarships	240
Bible-women, Mrs. Sakomoto..	80
Bible-woman	65
Repairs	120
Yanagawa, Bible-woman, Mrs. Hara	90
Total	\$2,795

Mexico.

Mexico, Scholarships.....	\$ 300
Kindergarten teacher and sup- plies	500
Doctor and medicines.....	75
Miraflores, Sewing and drawing teacher	100
Rent, furniture and supplies...	130
Pachuca, Miss Bohanon	600
Incidentals	150
Music teacher	165
Kindergarten teacher.....	175
Assistant	140
Miss Lopez.....	175
Miss Camarillo	175
Scholarships	150
School and dormitory supplies.	200
Porter	115
New rooms	60
Apizaco, School and supplies ..	425
Puebla, Normal teacher.....	250
Kindergarten teacher.....	200
Scholarships	200
Dormitory supplies	25
Bath room	150
Panolla, School and supplies.....	225
Tetela, School and supplies.....	450
Guanojuato, Kindergarten and sewing teacher.....	110
Primary teacher	180
Scholarships	150
School supplies.....	85
Porter	90
Total	\$5,750

South America.

Buenos Ayres, Rent	\$ 500
Scholarships	166
Rosario, Scholarships	500
Teachers	900
Montevideo, Miss Hewitt	600

Incidentals	\$ 150
Scholarships	200
Taxes and repairs.....	300
Porter	100
Interest	230
Teachers.....	850

\$4,495

Italy.

Rome, Miss Vickery.....	\$ 600
Incidentals	150
Miss Odgers	600
Incidentals	150
Miss Beazell	600
Incidentals	150
Miss De Lord.....	500
Via Garibaldi, Scholarships	200
School teachers	550
Taxes and Insurance	200
Repairs	200
Crandon Hall, Scholarships.....	200
New kindergarten.....	200
Property	2,000

\$6,300

Bulgaria.

Loftcha, Miss Blackburn.....	\$ 600
Miss Davis	600
Miss Raichera	330
Miss Dobрева	175
Miss Gradinarova	200
Scholarships	240
Traveling expenses	50
Incidentals and repairs.....	150
Books and apparatus	50

\$2,345

Switzerland.

Bible-women and work.....	\$150
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North Germany.

Schneeberg, Bible-woman	\$ 50
Chennnitz, Bible-woman	50

\$100

Africa.

Quessua, Scholarships	\$250
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Contingent	\$808
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Grand total.....	\$100,000
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SUMMARY.

North India.....	\$ 10,530
Northwest India.....	10,315
South India	4,140
Bombay	5,025
Bengal	7,280
Burmah	600
Malaysia	1,322
Philippines	2,100
North China	4,430
Central China.....	7,600
West China.....	2,445

Foochow	\$ 7,160
Hing Hua	3,955
Korea	965
North Japan	970
Central Japan	7,995
South Japan	2,795
Mexico	5,750
South America	4,496
Italy	6,300
Bulgaria	2,395
Switzerland	150
North Germany	100
Africa	250
Contingent	932

Total..... \$100,000

DES MOINES BRANCH.

North India.

Pithoragarh, Scholarships....	\$ 400
Pauri, Scholars	280
Bareilly, Orphans.....	300
Budaon, Scholarships	440
Shajahanpore, Scholarships.....	340
Lucknow, Miss Sircar	300
Mrs. Thoburn's Munshi	10
Moradabad, Scholarships.....	160
Miss Frederick.....	220
Bijnour.....	45

Total for North India..... \$2,495

North West India.

Phalera, Miss Lawson.....	\$ 600
Scholarships	40
Aligarh, Miss Bobenhouse.	600
Bible-Women	450
Cawnpore, Miss Lauck.....	600
Scholarships.....	108
Khasgang, Bible-Women.....	800
Meerut, Second Assistant	180
Scholarships	360
Muttra, Miss Gregg.....	325
Assistant	220
Scholarships	80
Village women	96
Bible-women.....	150

Total North West India... \$4,609

Bombay.

Basim, Miss Miller	\$ 600
Jabalpur, Miss Hyde.....	600
Scholarships	4,400
Bible-women	200
Khandwa, Miss Elicker	600
Scholarships	1,600
Assistant	200
Bible-women	250
Building	1,000
Narsinghpur, Evangelistic	240
Godhra, Orphans.....	200
Bombay, Miss Davis, outfit and passage	350

Total Bombay Confer-
ence..... \$10,240

South India.

Hyderabad, Miss Wood.....	\$ 600
Miss Evans.....	600
Miss Wells.....	600
Conveyance	200
50 Scholarships.....	900
Miss Partridge	260
Miss Best.....	200
Matron	100
Conveyance	50
Munshies	68
Miss Smith.....	200
Kolar, Miss Maskell	400
Conveyance.....	160
Bible-women	80
Miss Peters	75
Scholarships.....	360

Total South India..... \$4,853

Philippine Islands.

Manila, Home..... \$386

Burmah.

Rangoon, Miss Foster.....	\$ 600
Miss Stockwell	600
Burmese school rent	100
Scholarships, (2).....	40
Thandaung, Miss Perkins.....	600
Scholarships	280
Miss Rigby	600

Total

Bengal.

Calcutta, Miss Henkle.....	\$ 300
Miss Stumpf	500
Pakur, Scholarships.....	300
New building	200

Total..... \$1,300

North China.

Peking, Miss Wilson, home salary..	\$ 350
Scholarships.....	360
Tientsin, Scholarships	360
Woman's work	40

Total, North China

Central China.

Kinkiang, Dr. Mary Stone..	\$ 450
Medical	500
Scholarships	250
Furniture	100
Nan Chang, Miss Ogborn	600
Incidentals	150
Bible-women (\$40)	80
Gateman	25
Miss Beard.....	550
Passage.....	350

Total, Central China

West China.

<i>Chung King</i> , Miss Galloway.....	\$ 300
Incidentals	150
Dr. Edmunds	300
Incidentals	150
Miss Manning	300
Incidentals	150
Medicine	175
Hospital beds (6)	90
Nurses	50
Furniture	150
Instruments	100
Scholarships	220
Itinerating	200
Conference expenses	25

Total .. \$2,360

Foochow Conference.

<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Wilkinson.....	\$ 600
Incidentals	150
Scholarships	400
Bible-women	60
Orphans	60
<i>Ngn Cheng</i> , Miss Allen.....	600
Miss Trimble, home salary.....	350
Woman's school	400
Bible-women	336
Romanized school	200
Day school and travel	420
Girls' boarding school	900
Repairs	100
Insurance	35
Mabel Sia, passage	250

Total \$4,861

Japan.

<i>Haakodati</i> , Scholars.....	\$ 120
Owuda San	123
Takenaka San	144
Assistant	115
<i>Hirosaki</i> , Miss Southard.....	600
Incidentals	150
Mi Kude	360
Assistant teacher	110

. Evangelistic.

Evangelistic, Miss Griffiths.....	700
Kuroishi B. Woman, }	
Miss Moto Ishezaki, }	72
District superintendent.....	75
<i>Sendai</i> , Miss Phelps.....	600
Incidentals	150
Interest and taxes.....	80
Insurance	40
Rent	60
Repairs	30
Scholarships	300
Teachers and supplies	150
Yonezawa, B. Woman.....	30
Sakuyama, B. Woman.....	72
School building	500
<i>Aoyama</i> , Miss Daniel	600
Incidentals.....	150

Mathematics	\$ 234
Scholarships	280
<i>Tokura</i>	50

Total for Japan..... \$5,895

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Orphanage	\$200
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Africa.

<i>Quessua</i> , Scholarship	\$125
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Mexico.

Scholarships.....	\$ 200
Light.....	140
<i>Ayapango</i> , Miss Estrada.....	174
Assistant teacher	70
Supplies and rent	36
Bible-woman	70
<i>Tezontepac</i> , Teacher and supplies	300
<i>Puebla</i> , Miss Bumgartner.....	600
Incidentals	150
Scholarships.....	200
<i>Orezaba</i> , Rent.....	175

Total for Mexico \$2,115

SUMMARY.

North India.....	\$ 2,495
Northwest India	4,609
Bombay	10,240
South India	4,853
Philippines	386
Burmah	2,820
Bengal	1,300
North China.....	1,110
Central China.....	3,055
West China.....	2,360
Foochow.....	4,861
Japan	5,895
Italy	200
Africa	125
Mexico.....	2,115

Total..... \$46,424

Contingent

Grand total..... \$50,900

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Scholarships.	\$ 200
<i>Barcilly</i> , Scholarships	120
<i>Bijnour</i> , Two scholarships.....	40
<i>Budaon</i> , Scholarships	200
<i>Gonda</i> , Scholarships.....	100
<i>Paori</i> , Scholarships	120
<i>Lucknow</i> , Horse and gari	250
One scholarship	32
One share in the home	50

Total..... \$1,112

Bombay.

Three day schools.....	\$ 150
Miss Thoy	220
Mrs. Vardon	125
Scholarships	240
Laknadan, Evangelistic	28
Jabalpur, One scholarship	20

Total..... \$783

Northwest India.

Ajmer, Sixteen scholarships.....	\$ 220
Allahabad, Three scholarships....	45
Cawnpore, Two scholarships.....	36
Muttra, One deaconess	300
Two teachers.....	60
Six scholarships.....	90
Four training scholarships.....	80
Punjab, Bible readers. }	
Lahore. }	
Patiala. }	300
Deoband. }	
Roorkee.....	160

Total..... \$1,291

South India.

Kolar, Five scholarships.....	\$ 100
Two Bible-women	40

Total \$140

Malaysia.

Singapore, Miss Blackmore	\$ 425
Miss Cody	425
Vernacular teacher.....	48
Repairs	100
Scholarships	280
Miss Buddery	150
Miss Janz	150
Chinnanche	60
Miss Martha	60
Conveyance keep.....	120
New buggy.....	150
Training school teacher.....	60
Rent for training school.....	50
Two scholars in training school	40
Publishing minutes.....	20
Penang, Miss Martin's home	
coming	250
Miss Martin's salary.....	300
Miss Ida Ellis.....	425
Vernacular teacher.....	48
New missionary's traveling	
expenses	250
New missionary's salary	425
New missionary's vernacular	
teacher	48
House rent	400
Second standard teacher	180
Third standard teacher.....	120
Chinese Bible-woman.....	48
Delegate to conference.....	45
Conveyance keep	100

Twenty scholarships.....	\$ 400
The C. S. Winchell Home (con-	
ditional).....	4,000
Sanitarium (conditional).....	1,000

Total \$10,177

Bengal.

Miss Alma Jacobson's salary	\$ 325
School building and home.....	500
Five widows.....	50

Total \$875

Burmah.

Six scholarships.....	\$120
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Foochow.

Boarding school scholarships... ..	\$ 160
Romanized station class.....	100
One Orphan.....	30
Kucheng, Miss Rouse's salary	600
Incidentals.....	150
Girls Boarding school.....	560
Four day schools	100
Medical students	80
Bible-Woman	40
Deaf and dumb pupil.....	25
Repairs	30

Total \$ 1,875

Hing Hua.

Scholarships.....	\$ 150
Evangelistic work	50
Sieung Lu, Miss Nicolaisen.....	450
Scholarships	200
Conference expenses.....	20
Furniture.	100

Total..... \$970

Central China.

Chin-Kiang, Two scholarships....	\$ 40
One Orphan.....	30

Total..... \$70

West China.

Miss Christie Williams.....	\$ 450
Two scholarships	40
One day school.....	50
Drugs and medicines.....	100
Support of beds.....	50
Hospital helpers.....	50
Conference expenses.....	25
Repairs	30

Total \$795

Central Japan.

Tokyo, Harrison Industrial,	
Home, Miss Ella Blockstock. \$	600
Incidentals.....	150
Scholarships.....	400

Repairs	\$ 100
Insurance.....	30
Teachers, Mathematics.....	45
Literature	70
Art	70
Drawn work.....	40
Cooking	80
Two assistants	75
Matron.....	50
Miss Baucus, work	20
New kitchen.....	300

Total \$2,030

North Japan.

Hakodati, Scholarships \$120

Bulgaria.

Scholarships..... \$ 40

Korea.

Bible-woman..... \$ 50

Scholarship 80 |

Native Teachers 60 |

Total..... \$190

SUMMARY.

North India..... \$ 1,112

North West India 1,291 |

South India 140 |

Bombay 783 |

Malaysia 10,177 |

Bengal..... 875 |

Burmah..... 120 |

Foochow 1,875 |

Hing Hua 970 |

Central China..... 70 |

West China 795 |

Central Japan..... 2,030 |

North Japan 120 |

Bulgaria..... 40 |

Korea..... 100 |

Italy, Crandon Hall, Rome.... 2,000 |

Total \$22,588

TOPEKA BRANCH.

North India.

Pithoragath, Scholarships..... \$ 80

Bible-woman..... 30 |

Pauri, Scholarships..... 270 |

Bible-women 50 |

Budaon, Scholarships..... 120 |

Lucknow, Bible-women..... 110 |

Sitapur, Bible-women..... 150 |

Rae Bareilly, Bible-women.... 250 |

Total..... \$1,060

North West India.

Ajmer, Scholarships..... \$ 900

City Evangelist..... 80 |

Bible-women 100 |

Phalera, Scholarships..... 600 |

Bible-women 150 |

Woman's school 100 |

Repairs 65 |

Aligarh, Bible-women..... 120 |

Cawnpore, Scholarships..... \$ 90

Meerut, Howard Pleased School:

Miss Livermore..... 600 |

Miss Winslow..... 600 |

Scholarships 825 |

Bible-women 500 |

Bulandshahr, Bible-women..... 100 |

Muttra, Miss McKnight 325 |

Scholarships..... 60 |

Agra, Medical Scholarship..... 40 |

Lahore, Two new Bible-women..... 40 |

South India.

Sivoncha, Assistant \$ 200 |

Munshi 40 |

Conveyance 50 |

Raipur, House rent..... 160 |

Mrs. Gilder's itinerating..... 50 |

Bangalore, Rent..... 200 |

Conveyance 150 |

Bidar, 40 |

Kolar, Scholarships..... 240 |

Assistant 60 |

Total..... \$1,190

Bengal.

Calcutta, Beg Bagan \$ 220 |

Kidderpore..... 80 |

Pakur, New building 400 |

Total \$700

Burma.

Rangoon, Miss Stockwell..... \$ 600 |

Scholarship 40 |

Land rent..... 100 |

Total..... \$740

Malaysia.

Penang, Matron for Rescue Home \$150 |

Philippines.

Miss Spaulding, outfit, passage

and salary \$ 800 |

Property and furniture..... 500 |

Total \$1,300

North China.

Tientsin, Scholarships..... \$ 210 |

Dr. Stevenson, passage and

home salary 650 |

Drugs and instruments..... 150 |

Watchman 40 |

Total ... \$1,050

Central China.

Kiukiang, Scholarships \$ 200 |

Bible-woman 40 |

Chinkiang, Scholarships..... 100 |

Nanking, Bible-women 80 |

Itinerating 50 |

Total..... \$470

Foochow.

<i>Foochow</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 60
<i>Ku Cheng</i> , Scholarships	380
Bible-women	170
Total	\$630

Hing Hua.

Miss Varney.....	\$ 600
Scholarships.....	500
Total	\$1,100

Japan.

<i>Sapporo</i> , Miss Imhof ..	\$ 750
Rent	125
Bible-woman, Otaru ..	70
District S. S. rent and tracts....	10
City work	10
<i>Hakodate</i> , Scholarships	240
Music assistant	120
Sunday School rent	35
<i>Morioka</i> , Bible-woman	70
<i>Yokohama</i> , Scholarships	80
<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships	160
History teacher	225
Penmanship teacher.....	80
<i>Nagoya</i> , Miss Watson	700
Total	\$2,675

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Scholarship.....	\$100
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South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 400
Assistant.....	240
Repairs and taxes	200
School supplies	50
Furniture	50
Cook	180
Miss Swaney.....	750
Matron	450
New building.....	4,000
Total	\$6,300

India.

Miss Montgomery, outfit, pas- sage and salary.....	\$ 800
Dr. Tuttle, outfit, passage and salary	1,000
Contingent.....	440

Conditional.

<i>Raipur</i> , new building.....	1,000
Grand total	\$3,240

SUMMARY.

North India.....	\$ 1,060
North West India.....	5,295
South India.....	1,190

Bengal ..	\$ 700
Burma ..	740
Malaysia ..	1,450
North China ..	1,050
Central China.....	470
Foochow.....	630
Hing Hua	1,100
North Japan	1,430
Central Japan	1,245
Italy ..	100
South America	6,300
Conditional.....	3,240
Total	\$26,000

PACIFIC BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Nyneer Tal</i> , Bible-woman.....	\$ 50
<i>Dicarahat</i> , Scholars	32
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Scholars.....	200
<i>Pauni</i> , Scholars	128
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholars	40
<i>Bareilly</i> , Scholars	100
<i>Budaon</i> , Scholars	120
<i>Gonda</i> , Scholars	150
<i>Hardoi</i> , Scholars.....	40
<i>Sitapur</i> , Scholars	80
Second assistant	170
<i>Lucknow</i> , Inspectress.....	60
<i>Barabanki</i>	50

Total	\$1,220
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North West India.

<i>Ajmere</i> , Miss Holman ..	\$ 600
First assistant	200
Second assistant	150
Scholars	1,200
Repairs	50
Dr. Edna Beck.....	575
Medicines	100
Itinerating	30
Conveyance	60
Bible Readers	100
<i>Phaleria</i> , Assistant.....	110
Scholars	1,050
Widows	400
Bible Readers.....	75
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Scholars	285
<i>Allahabad</i>	75
<i>Meerut</i> , Bible-woman.....	100
<i>Brindaban</i> , Bible-woman	50
<i>Muttra</i> , Bible-woman	60
<i>Roorkee</i> , Bible Readers.....	80
<i>Lahore</i> , scholars.....	45
Miss Marks' home salary	300

Total	\$5,725
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Bombay.

<i>Kampti</i> , Mrs. Butterfield.....	\$ 220
Bible-woman	160
Schools	170
Total	\$550

Bengal.

Pakur, Scholars \$500

Burmah.

Rangoon, Girls' school \$ 280
Building debt 1,000
Burmese, Girls' school 200
Thandaung, Orphans 80
 Total..... \$1,560

South India.

Madras, Scholars..... \$ 100
Kolar, Scholars 100
 Total..... \$200

Central China.

Chinkiang, Dr. Taft's salary \$ 600
Medical work 100
Scholarships 100
 Total \$800

Hing Hua.

Hing Hua, Scholarships \$ 90
Sieng Lu, Scholarships 90
 Total..... \$180

Foochow.

Kucheng, Day schools \$ 200
Foochow, Orphans 60
Tongbing, Bible-women..... 100
Haitang, Bible-woman..... 70
 Total \$430

North China.

Peking, Scholarships..... \$60

Japan Conferences.

Nagoya, Miss Holbrook's salary. \$ 750
Bible-woman 70
Hakodate, Scholar 40
Hirosaki, Sunday schools 30
Yokohama, Bible-woman 30
Nagasaki, Scholars 80
 Total \$1,000

Korea.

Seoul, Bible-woman. \$ 50
Scholars 80
 Total \$130

Africa.

Quessua, Miss Collins..... \$400

Norway.

Christiana, Bible-woman \$50

SUMMARY.

North India \$ 1,220
Northwest India 5,725
Bombay 550
Bengal 500
Burmah 1,560
South India 200
Central China 800
Hing Hua 350
Foochow 260
North China 60
Japan Conferences 1,000
Korea 130
Africa 400
Norway 50
Foochow Seminary Building 200
Contingent 995

Total \$14,000

COLUMBIA RIVER BRANCH.

North India.

Dwarahat, Scholarships..... \$ 32
Pithoragarh, Scholarships 48
Badaon, Scholarships 60
Bareilly, Scholarships 50
Lucknow, Mrs. Ward 160
Gonda, Native teacher and
 scholarships..... 90

Total for North India.... \$440

North West India.

Atigarh, Scholarships \$ 180
Muttra, Scholarships..... 45
Meerut, Scholarships 450

Total for North West India \$675

Bombay Conference.

Bombay, Scholarships \$ 100
Native teachers 60
Buroda, Orphanage 40
Godhra, Orphanage..... 30
Gujarat, Village work..... 900

Total for Bombay Conference \$1,130

Malaysia.

Singapore Miss Lilly..... \$ 425
Return passage..... 250
Conveyance 40
Kindergarten supplies 75
Scholarships..... 120
Bible training school..... 20
Miss Gomes..... 72

Total for Malaysia..... \$1,002

The Philippines.

<i>Manila</i> , Deaconess Home.....	\$88
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China.

<i>Foochow</i> , Scholarships	\$40
Bible-woman.....	25
Miss Parkinson	600
Seminary	100
Scholarships	100
Building, (cond.)	1,000
<i>Kucheng</i> , Scholarship	20
<i>Sieng Lu</i> , Scholarships.....	40

Total for China.....	\$1,925
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Central Japan.

<i>Yokohama</i> , Scholarships	\$ 80
Literary work.....	25
<i>Tokyo</i> , Industrial scholarships..	120
Teacher in wood carving.....	35

Total for Central Japan...	\$200
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North Japan.

<i>Odate</i> , Bible-woman	\$ 30
<i>Hakodate</i> , Scholarships	80
<i>Hirosaki</i> , Kindergarten	50
Prize scholarship	40

Total for North Japan...	\$200
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SUMMARY.

North India.....	\$ 440
North West India.....	675
Bombay Conference.....	1,130
Malaysia.....	1,002
Philippines	83
China	1,925
Central Japan ..	260
Northern Japan	200
Incidentals ..	280

Grand total.....	\$6,000
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	New England	New York	Phila- delphia	Balti- more	Cincin- nati	North- western	Des Moines	Minne- apolis	Topelka	Pacific	Colum- bia River	Total
Africa.....		\$600				\$300	\$250	\$125		\$400		\$1,075
India, North India Conference	\$8,280	12,477	\$3,063	\$1,770	10,318	10,530	2,493	\$1,112	\$1,060	1,320	\$440	52,775
Northwest " "	1,404	2,533	1,748	563	4,060	3,315	4,609	1,291	5,295	5,725	675	38,378
Bombay " "	1,030	6,102	6,245	400	2,350	5,025	10,240	763		550	1,130	33,615
South India " "	2,025	6,555	550	6,370	3,970	4,140	4,853	140	1,190	200		29,393
Bengal " "	350	3,311	170		3,582	7,280	1,300	875	700	500		18,068
Burma " "		80	720			600	2,820	130	740	1,560		6,640
Total for India ..	13,069	31,278	12,495	9,103	24,010	37,890	26,317	4,321	8,965	9,755	2,245	179,469
Malaysia Conference.....	1,423	600	734		1,632	1,322		10,177	150		1,002	17,040
Manila " "	733	780			830	2,100	386		1,340		88	6,217
China, North China Conference	5,980	2,210	1,760	220	1,500	4,430	1,110		1,050	60		18,320
Central China " "	215	4,065	1,090	200		7,640	3,055	70	470	800		17,505
West China " "	670					2,445	2,360	795				6,270
Foochow " "	1,951	6,435	1,640	1,933	2,030	7,160	4,861	1,875	630	460	1,925	30,960
Hing Hua " "	1,303	370		440	2,790	3,955		970	1,100	350		11,258
Total for China	10,119	13,020	4,490	2,773	6,380	25,590	11,386	3,710	3,230	1,670	1,925	84,313
Korea ..	2,320	7,895	2,575	1,280	4,405	965		190		130		19,760
Japan, North Japan Conference	782	3,254	3,180	232	2,182	970	2,569	130	1,430	70	200	14,989
Central Japan " "	3,060	2,241	3,398	2,427	735	7,995	3,326	2,030	1,235	850	200	27,567
South Japan " "	280	3,165	290	250	7,440	2,795				80		14,500
Total for Japan	4,122	8,660	6,866	2,909	10,357	11,760	5,895	2,150	2,675	1,000	400	56,856
Mexico ..	3,070	2,139	5,381	100	3,740	5,750	2,115					22,295
South America ..	2,603	4,918	383			4,496			6,300			18,700
Bulgaria.....	325	240	355			2,395		40				3,355
Italy ..	300	1,370	300	120	350	6,300	200	2,000	100			11,040
Switzerland ..						150						150
South Germany ..												
North Germany ..						100						100
Norway ..										50	280	330
Conditional ..			418	650		932	3,576		3,240	995		10,091
	\$38,084	\$71,500	\$34,000	\$16,935	\$52,004	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$22,558	\$26,000	\$1,400	\$6,000	\$431,111

Woman's Missionary Friend. 1901-1902.

The oldest missionary report is the thirteenth chapter of Acts, beginning with verse 16, and is made by St. Paul. It emphasizes two things : the historical evidence of God's faithfulness of purpose to save the world, and that His missionaries "should stand for salvation to the ends of the earth". Twice is emphasized the value of literature : in verse 37, by exhortation to heed it, and in verses 33-35 by quoting it.

We have traveled far from the day when that twelve-paged little paper came out in Boston, in June, 1869, with the ever-remembered and lamented Mrs. Warren as editor. In 1886, at Providence, R. I., some one said, in answer to the Macedonian cry from the German constituency, "Let us have a German Friend," and the *Frauen-Missions-Freund* was born. In 1890, at Wilkesbarre, Pa., another said, "Let us have a children's magazine," and the *Children's Missionary Friend* saw light. In 1894, in Washington, several said in chorus, "Let us have *Quarterlies*," and that beautiful, co-operative editorship that added twelve pages to the *Friend* was inaugurated. The same year saw the *Study*, that had been a part of the *Friend* since 1878, started as a separate periodical. It was not a Methodist voice, but a chorus of Christian voices that said, "Let us have a United Study of Missions," and 1900 saw the foremost of our plans inaugurated, that is blessing the new century by such a rousement in missionary study as those that are oldest never dreamed.

We came perilously near not falling in line in time with that, but who ever knew Methodist Episcopal women bringing up an inglorious rear? The first leaflets floated by us, but when the genuine work began it found us ready, and it is to the United Study of Missions we owe, I believe, through our awakened intellectual and spiritual sense, not only the wonderful advance sales of literature and our wide subscriptions, but our advances in receipts.

Last year's report, an artist would say, had a rather drab tone; this year's has, as you will note from the publisher's report, taken on another color. It is not far-sighted to take or lose heart from any single year's record, because the record for any single year is misleading; for five years it is leading.

TABLE FOR FIVE YEARS.

	1897.	1902.		
New England.....	2,376	2,166	Decrease,	210
New York.....	2,904	3,232	Increase,	228
Philadelphia.....	1,930	2,534	"	604
Baltimore.....	775	871	"	96
Cincinnati.....	2,121	2,793	"	672
Northwestern.....	4,695	5,760	"	1,065
Des Moines.....	1,778	2,486	"	708
Minneapolis.....	400	727	"	327
Topeka.....	791	1,338	"	537
Pacific.....	428	594	"	166
Columbia River.....	171	360	"	189
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	19,026	23,532		

Only one branch marks a decrease, and in the order of largest numerical increase Northwestern leads with 1,065, but in ratio of members, little Columbia River, who has more than doubled her subscription list in five years, while Minneapolis follows hard after, with her one to every three. It is interesting to note that of the eleven branches, only Philadelphia and Topeka have made steady increase without a single lapse for five years. All the rest read for five years with fluctuating figures, like a stream with reactionary eddies.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Fine as seems our record for 1901-1902, we have not yet begun to exhaust our means for obtaining subscriptions. Inequality of effort is a marked failing of our method. It is our own fault that every year does not show increase. The Literature Committee began this year a plan to secure the number of subscriptions by conferences, with number of members in the conference, which will show up, and we hope close up in a year or two this matter of unevenness.

The record of literature sales is a parallel :

	1897.	1902.
New England—No record, probably.....	\$ 100.00	\$ 502.66
New York.....	147.96	651.88
Philadelphia.....	142.97	584.82
Baltimore.....	173.67	664.63
Cincinnati.....	200.26	739.13
Northwestern.....	630.18	2,566.66
Des Moines.....	331.59	1,032.62
Minneapolis.....	106.49	298.53
Topeka.....		605.78
Pacific (North and South).....	34.38	341.31
Columbia River.....	54.67	149.96
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	\$ 2,047.67	\$ 8,137.68

At the Ecumenical Conference, Dr. Strong, editor of the *Missionary Herald*, maintained that the cost of a missionary publication was as legitimate a demand on the missionary treasury as the support of any missionary. That is the correct position toward the general treasury of most missionary magazines, yet this board has always had a self-supporting, wage-earning, independently carried *Friend*, and this year, for the first time, sees all the periodicals on the same financially paying basis.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

The office is beset at stated intervals with requests for more home or more foreign contributions, according to the interest of the writer. Sometimes the same mail brings the opposing petitions. The record of the past year shows that we have reached an excellent standard in this regard :

Home contributions, 40.

India,	with 73	missionaries, sends	19	contributions.
China,	" 62	" "	22	"
Straits S.,	" 8	" "	7	"
Japan,	" 30	" "	11	"
Mexico,	" 7	" "	1	"
Bulgaria,	" 2	" "	2	"
South America,	" 7	" "	2	"
Africa,	" 2	" "	5	"
Italy,	" 4	" "	1	"
Korea,	" 16	" "	1	"
Burma,	" 5	" "	2	"
Philippine Islands,	" 2	" "	1	"
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186		74		

This makes no account of editorials, selections, reports and quarterlies, but is a record of contributed articles for 1901-1902. If letters of appreciation may be considered of weight, these contributions have been generally appreciated by our constituency, and the editor takes this opportunity to thank one and all for helping to make the *Friend* of the year a joy to her readers.

NEW FEATURES.

The new features of the year have been the page headed Office of the Literature Committee, and the Peking and Folts Fund columns. The first and last will be continued ; the Peking Fund closed with November. The College Girl's Series, begun last year has been continued this year, and is to end in 1903.

MAGAZINE FUND.

Nothing has succeeded better among our new enterprises than the Magazine Fund, which has advanced in five years from 25 to 100. We

hope in 1903 to put one of our popular magazines in the hands of every missionary.

A STANDARD BEARER COLUMN.

Everything that is alive and grows, connected with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, is to have place in the *Friend*. Look out for the new Standard Bearer column in 1903. Office of the Literature Committee will occupy one column hereafter, making room for this cheery new column.

BOOK TABLE.

Our book table during the year has been especially rich from the fact that every year sees better books written in the interests of missions. Perhaps a half-dozen magazines have been added to our exchanges.

LITERATURE AT RAILROAD STATIONS.

One day the editor chanced to want a Standard Bearer, June number of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, when she was delayed at the Boston South Union station. It occurred to her that of the thousands passing by that well-stocked bookstall in the station there must be many women interested in missions. Why not make an attempt to have their wants supplied, as well as meeting the less elevated tastes of her who buys "Jokes" or "Punch and Judy"? A simultaneous effort in a half-dozen of our large cities might prove rewarding. We have not yet half utilized advertising.

THE FUTURE.

The *Friend* proposes to uphold the highest standards of missionary interest:

1. To secure the best possible contributions from the best writers.
2. To be faithful to its constituency in preserving its best traditions and representing its most forward ideas.
3. To plead constantly and continuously for the best equipment on the part of missionaries sent to the foreign field, and their loyal support in the home field.
4. To stand for consecration of heart, mind and soul, scholarly, liberal spirit, judicious criticism, good manners, fair play and sound thought; to be honest, hopeful, kindly; to keep free of all pettiness, from all spirit of detraction; and, in short, to be a light that does not fail.

WHAT THE EDITOR WOULD LIKE NEXT YEAR.

1. 30,000 subscribers.
2. \$75.00 for paid contributions.
3. A canvass of every church, member for member, for subscriptions.

4. A second trial of last year's plan that, so far as carried out, worked so successfully.

5. Continuation of the fashion of including in reports to our church magazines the number of subscriptions to the *Friend* taken at public meetings.

6. Joy in the *Friend* and helpfulness from every member.

It is a matter of rejoicing that narrow sectarianism is becoming impossible in religious journalism, but there is plenty of room for broad gauge, loyal, sweet-spirited church magazines, as our own magazine would demonstrate. Some day there may rise a missionary Carnegie who will endow missionary literature, but till that day every woman must be a personal endowment to her church literature, and every Woman's Foreign Missionary Society woman a subscriber to the *Woman's Missionary Friend*.

LOUISE MANNING HODGKINS.

Table of Subscriptions to the Woman's Missionary Friend from 1869—1902.

1870	3,000.
1871	21,000.
1872	22,000.
1873	24,000.
1874	25,000.
1875	16,000.
1876	17,313.
1877	16,000.
1878	14,074.
1879	13,388.
1880	15,606.
1881	18,007.
1882	20,020.
1883	19,571.
1884	20,045.
1885	19,816.
1886	19,456.
1887	19,937.
1888	19,907.
1889	19,834.
1890	19,236.
1891	20,401.
1892	21,512.
1893	21,529.
1894	21,617.
1895	20,411.
1896	19,146.
1897	19,026.
1898	20,858.
1899	21,812.
1900	22,720.
1901	21,447.
1902	23,538.

Children's Missionary Friend.

The *Children's Missionary Friend* this year reaches its thirteenth anniversary, but thirteen has not proven an unlucky number in its history, for as the publisher's figures announce, we have made a gain of 2,017 subscribers, giving us a total of 27,123, the largest number we have ever enrolled.

When we tell you that one of our brightest exchanges has but 7,521, you will see that we have reason to be grateful for the wider influence of our missionary paper upon the boys and girls of our beloved church.

With our increased subscription list you naturally look for better financial returns and are not disappointed, for the little *Friend* has again paid its own expenses and has a surplus of about \$300.00.

We cannot say too much in praise of our missionaries on the field and at home, who have during the past year sent such rarely good contributions, often accompanied by photographs, which mean so much to our young readers. And even older people prize the clear and simple style in which our foreign workers write their stories and sketches. Surely we all owe a debt of gratitude to those whose pens, often guided by weary hands, give us these choice views of Oriental life.

The home side of our paper has also been well sustained, but we would welcome a larger variety of exercises, reports, suggestions, etc., than have been contributed the past year. Good ideas are too precious to be restricted in their circulation. If you have one, send it out to help another. Kind and appreciative words are never lacking on the part of our readers, and they are a wonderful inspiration to your editor. The highest praise was recently given by a little girl, who wrote: "I think the *Children's Missionary Friend* is the only paper there is!" Such messages, written by those whose hearts have been touched by the great missionary idea, are most cheering.

The children's special fund for building a home in Chemulpo, Korea, has not been as successful as was that for the Baroda Orphanage, owing to various misunderstandings on the part of those who should have reported to the paper; but we have been glad to account for gifts amounting to between \$500 and \$600.

Another beautiful idea which originated with Mrs. Lucie F. Harrison, was to have the Little Light Bearers, who became life-members by the

payment of \$10 each, appear upon their page of the paper. As a result, we have had already photographs of three baby faces, and there are many others to come.

Through the recommendations of a special committee on children's work, which was appointed one year ago, we hope to see still further improvements in the paper, as well as a general advance in unity of action and efficiency on the part of our children's missionary societies. We are on the threshold of a grand upward and onward movement to evangelize the "uttermost parts of the earth", and no one is too young to share in the enterprise. It is for us to so utilize our forces as to make them tell on the side of the overcomer. And to do this we must use the old, simple, educative methods which have always proven successful.

A minister in one of our western cities wrote us recently for specimen copies of the little *Friend*. They were about to build a new church edifice and he wanted the papers to put into the corner-stone with other church periodicals. This is the thought we would enforce, for we are laying corner-stones of child-character all the while; we must put the missionary thought and purpose and knowledge into the very early years, when the foundations are being laid. To do this in the best possible manner is the aim of the *Children's Missionary Friend*, and that it may be able "its calling to fulfill" it asks the co-operation of all missionary workers throughout our wide constituency.

MRS. O. W. SCOTT.

P. S.—Before this is made a part of the general report, we are allowed to add a word respecting the action of the executive committee in connection with the report on Children's Work:

1. The uniform name chosen for our children's societies is "King's Heralds".

2. The badge is a silver trumpet with "K. H." in blue.

3. A constitution and by-laws were adopted, thus unifying the work of the children's department in all the branches.

4. A general superintendent was appointed, to have charge of this department and to advance its interests. Mrs. Lucie F. Harrison, 1 Oberlin street, Worcester, Mass., who is also superintendent of Little Light Bearer work, was elected to this office.

5. A manual will soon be issued containing plan of work, constitution, ritual, suggestions, etc., etc., which will be indispensable to our workers.

6. The *Children's Missionary Friend* becomes the official organ of King's Heralds and all children's work connected with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

7. The *Children's Missionary Friend* is to be enlarged by an addi-

tion of four pages. As quite an expense will be incurred by this, *our publisher depends upon a large increase of subscribers to meet it.* The coming year will determine whether our friends will support a sixteen-page paper for the children.

REPORT OF FRAUEN-MISSIONS-FREUND.

The German "*Friend*" has been edited with great difficulty during the past year. The editor was hindered from doing her work as well as she wished by the constantly increasing care and attention her invalid husband required, until she finally succumbed herself to the disease that brought her life to an early close for this world. Three days before the end came, she advised her daughter what the November issue should contain and asked to see it when it would be ready for the printer. The Master called her to rest before that work was finished. We know that He doeth all things well and try to be submissive to His will.

This year was the twelfth of the editor's service on this paper. During all this time it has gained slowly but surely, until it now has 4,199 subscribers—an increase over last year of 207.

The United Study of Missions has given special satisfaction and has been used in many auxiliaries with good success.

One thing has troubled us a good deal—there never seemed to be room enough for all the good things that we think should have been printed in the paper.

May God bless the German "*Friend*" and make it a messenger of good tidings to many and a means to promote the work of our beloved Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

A. M. ACHARD, *Editor Pro Tem.*

REPORT OF THE STUDY.

This year of grace, 1902, has been a unique one among all missionary periodicals, large and small, marking a distinct advance in the aim, preparation and facilities for the study of missions, by the different Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies of the world. In common with the rest, The *Study*, staff in hand—i. e., *Via Christi*—set out in the new year upon its "pilgrim's progress" through the first eighteen centuries of the Christian era. For six months of the year, it has shone a lesser light alongside that brighter luminary, our text-book. For this United Study of Missions the times were ripe, as evidenced by the almost surprising enthusiasm of the rank and file of our auxiliaries throughout the land; note how the Quarterlies sparkle with it, and missionary conclaves discuss it "*con amore*".

Handicapped by limited space, *The Study* has found it difficult to so summarize this vast and complex subject as to leave any but skeleton outlines, fleshless and bare, which the editor has labored to clothe, at least with a fig-leaf of graphic speech. While some auxiliaries, feeling as was natural, that *Via Christi* was sufficient for their purpose, left off *The Study* this year, we have cause for satisfaction in the fact that its circulation has reached an issue of 34,122 copies, an increase of 2,890.

The subscriptions by branches are as follows: New England Branch, 2,718, increase of 60. New York Branch, 4,761, increase of 381. Philadelphia Branch, 4,019, increase of 71. Baltimore Branch, 963, increase of 154. Cincinnati Branch, 4,061, increase of 565. Northwestern Branch, 8,100, increase of 765. Des Moines Branch, 4,271, increase of 277. Minneapolis Branch, 1,308, increase of 250. Topeka Branch, 2,603, increase of 221. Pacific Branch, 752, increase of 48. Columbia River Branch, 645, increase of 178.

We chronicle this year a new departure in connection with *The Study*—i. e.—“The Open Column” in the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, affording space for suggestions as to treatment of the studies, mention of some side-lights in literature and fuller characterization than could otherwise be possible, of references especially helpful. With the outlines, this gives a full page in our magazine, devoted to the interests of *The Study*.

Twenty search questions, involving considerable study, have from time to time been given in the leaflet. In May it was proposed, in order to stimulate research, and as a slight token of appreciation of such work, to give a copy of a book, entitled “Bright Bits for Reading in Missionary Societies”, to the twenty persons in each branch who furnish best replies to these—the answers to be sent at close of year to a committee appointed to pass upon their merits. These committees have not as yet reported, but by private letters we judge some excellent work has been done. In some instances the questions are used to evoke discussion; in others, short talks or papers are based upon them. In one case the members have taken up the matter with so much zest that they have been known to compare notes after church service. By request we append the list.

1. Why did so good, great and benevolent a man as Marcus Aurelius so bitterly persecute Christians?
2. Why did every period of persecution, every pagan literary attack, leave Christianity stronger and more indestructible?
3. How did the nobly-fearless tracts and treatises of the Fathers come to bear the somewhat deprecatory title of “apologies”?
4. Why did Constantine remove his capitol from Rome to Byzantium?

5. Why do Mohammedan missions succeed without the help of woman, while Christian missions do not?
6. Why did not the Celtic instead of the Roman Church endure in England?
7. What became of the Empire created and organized by the genius of Charlemagne?
8. What basal religious belief made it easier to convert the heathen of Northwestern Europe?
9. Why was Dante's stately, intense, terrible poem called "The Divine Comedy"?
10. What part did the Papacy play in the revival of learning?
11. How far was it in turn affected by this revival?
12. Why were the Jesuit Missions in Florida, New Mexico and California nearly obliterated when the Spanish rule ceased?
13. What was the primary cause and what the object of the Reformation?
14. How did the reformed church receive the name Protestant?
15. What innate difference between the Latin and Teutonic natures prompted the one to reject, and the other to accept, the principles of the Reformation?
16. State the different missionary methods mentioned in the entire book of "Via Christi"?
17. Why are there no young women in the Orient?
18. How did Mexico, not a Protestant but a Catholic nation, without outside pressure, accomplish what no other nation has done, viz., taken the Papacy by the throat and compelled it to disgorge stolen property?
19. Of what faith are the present inhabitants of Bethlehem?
20. Why are medical missionaries less needed in Japan than elsewhere in the East?

Anxious to set people to thinking in what way the *Study* could be improved, the editor asked, that in the annual district meetings held spring and fall, as well as at branch anniversaries, symposiums be arranged as one of the features of the occasions, in which to discuss programs in general and our new studies in particular, bringing out what proportion of the members possess *Via Christi* and the *Study*, the different methods in use in regard to the latter, also any hints upon its improvement and future treatment. To get the consensus of opinion a roll call of auxiliaries has sometimes been called for. From the spirited reports received, we are glad to find that mainly the *Study* is not "read as it is writ", in a perfunctory manner, but is usually divided by its paragraphs, which are given to different individuals to serve as a basis for the additional material gathered—that the references are used and the

suggestions frequently followed. In some cases a real conversation has ensued, taking the sub-topics for headlines.

Suggestions given in these reports :

1. "Give us a list of prepared questions to be answered from *Via Christi*." (In two instances this has already been done.)

2. A new dress for the *Study*. "The dainty little Light-bearers," runs the report, "may hesitate to associate with poor, plain-faced *Study*, who has never had a new gown since her christening robe, though the mother-paper, our beautiful *Woman's Missionary Friend*, has had several, each more becoming than the other. *She* had kept up to the age in style and embellishment, even changing her name, as do most young women before reaching the age of 33," and adds, probably to save the editor's feelings, "does not the *Study* richly deserve a new dress once in eight years, since she is crowded full of facts and illustrations which require search through an ample library to glean".

3. "Cannot the type be more varied and the date given in larger letters? Were I to come across an old number of 1894 or 5, I must needs put on my glasses and look very carefully at the diminutive figures before I can tell that it is not the one for our next auxiliary meeting."

4. "Why may not blanks be left in which each auxiliary may insert the day, hour and place of their meeting, thus giving a more individual character to its distribution?"

5. "We would like the paragraphs so separated as to leave room to insert the names of the persons to whom the topics are assigned."

6. "To give freshness and an up-to-date appearance, let us have a small illustration to head each number."

Another suggests that enough copies be taken so that one may be given to every member of the society and many of the church and congregation, being invited, in this pleasant way to the meeting, promising that every woman who receives a copy should either bring it to the meeting herself, give it to some one who will attend, retain it for home study or return to the secretary.

Greater variety in opening exercises rejoins another.

"Simplify," a voice pleads; but this note comes from a city of libraries and manifold helps, and not, as we might imagine, from an auxiliary at a country cross roads. From some of these sound, eager words of encouragement, "the topics are high," say they, "but we will make a jump at them if we cannot reach them."

Glad are we that this quest upon which we have entered, this world-wide and interdenominational Study of Missions is "a story without an end". The orbit of vision broadens every year, larger things than we have seen lie just ahead. The new century ideals are coming true.

MRS. M. S. BUDLONG.

ZENANA PAPER.

A letter received from Mrs. Messmore, of India, contains some interesting items concerning the Zenana paper. Five editions of this paper are published in India. For the information of those receiving occasional copies of these papers, we would say, the Hindi or the "Ablahath Karak" is in the square type; the "Urdu", the "Rafiq" is in the Persian type.

The first editor was Miss L. E. Blackmar, and after a few years Miss Thoburn became the editor until her last visit to America, when Mrs. Messmore accepted the work.

Mrs. Messmore writes: "It is evident that the women are beginning to think; the number who read is rapidly increasing; intelligent men are willing that their women should learn to read, and there are so many things that the zenana women should know that can be imparted to them through the pages of this paper than through any other agency as they sit in their zenanas and read and re-read it, and talk about 'the words that speak so soft and low'. One of the first questions the Bible reader hears as she enters the home is, 'Have you brought the Rafiq?' and many homes are kept open because of the chance to hear the paper read. Every paper has a story—serials of the journeyings of Israel; condensed Life of Booker T. Washington, translated by Miss Singh; the Life of Ramabai, etc. The February number was the children's paper and was the most popular of all; much was written about Arbor Day and the flower mission, also concerning flower culture, for the people of India are fond of flowers.

Mrs. Messmore wishes these papers could have an editor who could give time and care sufficient to make them a magazine.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Balance in hand Oct. 1, 1901.....	\$ 825 01
Received from B. R. Cowen, interest on money invested.....	519 95
Received from Des Moines Branch.....	51 00
Received from Baltimore Branch.....	87 50
Received from Northwestern Branch.....	70 00
Received from Topeka Branch.....	33 00
Received from New England Branch.....	295 61
Received from Philadelphia Branch, Marathi edition.....	250 00
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	\$2,132 07
Forwarded to India by order of chairman:	
March 27, 1902.....	\$ 850
October 1, 1902.....	600
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	1,450 00
Balance.....	<hr/>
	\$ 682 07

H. B. SKIDMORE, *Treasurer.*

Special Resolutions.

Resolutions adopted at the General Executive Committee in Minneapolis, Minn., November, 1902 :

Resolved, That hereafter special committees appointed by the General Executive Committee prepare their reports in such time that a copy shall be in the hands of each Branch Secretary at least two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee.

WHEREAS, Our Missionary Bishops, Hartzell and Warne, and our Visiting Bishop, Moore, have manifested great interest in the work of our society in their respective fields, carefully inspecting the same, and reporting frequently to the Corresponding Secretaries; therefore,

Resolved, That we give expression to our appreciation of their fraternal services, gratefully acknowledging our indebtedness, and trust they will continue to grant us similar favors.

Resolved. That no woman not elected delegate or alternate by her Branch to the General Executive Committee shall be admitted as a member of said committee.

Resolved, That reports presented by the various committees and individuals authorized by the General Executive Committee shall be limited to ten minutes in length of reading.

Resolved, That all resolutions adopted by the General Executive Committee or proposed changes of Constitution shall be classified according to subjects and printed in the General Report immediately following the minutes of the meeting.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO PERIODICALS, OCT. 1, 1902.

	Woman's Missionary Friend.	Children's Missionary Friend.	Frauen Missions Freund.	The Study.
New England Branch.....	2,166	3,750	48	2,718
New York Branch..	3,232	4,835	326	4,781
Philadelphia Branch.....	2,584	2,720	53	4,019
Baltimore Branch.....	871	1,099	70	963
Cincinnati Branch.....	2,793	2,211	250	4,061
Northwestern Branch	5,760	5,879	787	8,100
Des Moines Branch.....	2,486	2,553	637	4,271
Minneapolis Branch.....	727	1,210	583	1,208
Topeka Branch.....	1,338	1,485	669	2,603
Pacific Branch.....	594	597	149	752
Columbia River Branch.....	360	403	55	645
Foreign	275	243	572	1
Scattering	346	138		
Total	23,532	27,123	4,199	34,122
Oct. 1, 1902	21,477	25,106	3,992	31,232
Increase	2,055	2,017	207	2,890

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Publisher*.

Report of Publisher.

Pauline J. Walden, Publisher, in account with Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, from Oct. 1, 1901, to Oct. 1, 1902.

To cash on hand	\$	2,872	55
" " Received for Subscriptions to W. M. F.	\$	11,408	62
" " " " " C. M. F.		2,738	72
" " " " " F. M. F.		1,062	53
" " " " " The Study		810	23
			16,020 10
" " " " Literature			3,166 36
" " " " Annual Reports, etc.	\$	862	78
" " " " Certificates		42	00
" " " " Advertising		40	00
" " " " Interest on Loans and Dep't's ..		251	66
" " " " Sundries		55	31
			1,251 75
Total	\$	23,410	76
By Cash paid for Woman's Missionary Friend.	\$	7,194	73
" " " " Editor's Salary and Incidentals.		752	85
			7,947 58
" " " " Children's Missionary Friend.	\$	2,128	61
" " " " Editor's Salary and Incidentals.		269	57
			2,398 18
" " " " Frauen Missions Freund.	\$	765	81
" " " " Editor's Salary and Incidentals..		253	70
			1,019 51
" " " " The Study	\$	740	95
" " " " Editor's Salary and Incidentals..		105	63
			846 58
" " " " Annual Report and Postage			944 22
" " " " Literature Expenses			4,035 61
" " " " Publisher's Salary		700	00
" " " " Office Expenses		763	76
" " " " Insurance.		32	04
			\$1,495 80
" " " " Traveling Expenses to General Executive Committee, Editors and Publisher		80	59
" " " " Printing Appropriations.		9	00
			89 59
" " On Hand			4,633 69
			\$23,410 76

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Publisher.*

Examined and approved,
A. S. WEED, *Auditor.*

It is with pleasure that I bring my twentieth financial report which shows an increase in all departments.

We will ask "What has brought about this result of such a splendid increase, first, of 7,169 in all the periodicals and of the cash in hand of \$1,761.14?" We note *first* that it goes without saying that the high character of all our periodicals would warrant such an increase.

Second, we must never forget the faithfulness and persistence of our local agents in the auxiliaries. Through summer's heat and winter's cold these faithful agents go from house to house and not only gather in the old subscribers, but make a persistent effort to gain new ones, and the result of this year has certainly shown that their labor has not been in vain, and I trust the day is far distant when any action shall be taken or any new methods adopted which shall interfere with this great source of strength in our periodical department. There is many a secular and religious paper that would be grateful for such a working force, and great praise should be given to these agents.

Thirdly, the conference and district secretaries have been faithful in the presentation of the periodicals at the conference and district meetings, and that has greatly assisted in this advance.

Having served as publisher for twenty years I may be pardoned if I present the inside view of the office work. There have been received this year 12,508 letters with remittances varying from ten cents to two hundred dollars. These letters, the most of them, must be handled six times, and many of them ten times, before they are ready to put away in the file for future reference. Added to this there have been 1,200 more letters enclosing from one cent to ten cents, with small orders for leaflets. These are kept by themselves and noted in the cash book in the aggregate. The above are cash letters. We belong to an itinerant band and have an average of 2,000 changes of residents a year of our periodicals, and added to this about 2,000 other letters of various inquiries, making an aggregate of 17,508. There have been handled in the office 88,976 periodicals *per month*, making an aggregate of 1,067,712 periodicals in the *year*, with a total number of pages of 17,679,600. Added to this there have been issued from the office 277,600 leaflets with a total number of pages of 3,905,200, making a grand total of 21,584,200 pages of literature that has been distributed *in* the office and *out* of it in the course of the year, besides thousands of pages of the older issue of leaflets.

One of our strong, wise men, in whose judgment we have great confidence, addressed his students at the autumn opening of the Woman's College with these words: "Don't rush and do not be rushed, character depends not on rush orders." Now if this good advice of our friend should be observed in the office of the *Woman's Missionary*

Friend, it would require a doubling of the forces now employed, for fully one-half of the twelve thousand letters above mentioned contain this sentence or something similar to it: "Please send by return mail" or "At once, as I have delayed sending this order and need it immediately".

I have brought this year the best report of all the years. An increase of \$2,650.42 over any previous year. The total receipts for the twenty years have been \$284,709.58, the expenses \$281,279.00, and notwithstanding we have contributed from our fund \$34,257.00 for the distribution of literature and to aid the zenana paper, the *Children's Missionary Friend* and the *German Friend*, we have a net gain of \$3,430.50 in the twenty years.

Our aim for the coming year is 30,000 for the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, 50,000 for the *Children's Missionary Friend*, 5,000 for the *German Friend* and 40,000 for the *Study*, and if we meet this aim, each and every one must put forth extra effort so that next year will be far in advance of the present.

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Publisher*.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF LITERATURE.

By Cash paid for Printing Leaflets.....	\$	836	36	
" " " " Leaflet Manuscript.....		28	63	
" " " " Cuts for Leaflets.....		23	02	
				\$ 888 01
" " " " Printing Calendars.....	\$	448	48	
" " " " Express on Calendars.....		31	52	
" " " " Cuts on Calendars.....		22	14	
				502 14
" " " " Printing Leaflet Report.....	\$	96	35	
" " " " Express on Leaflet Report.....		13	97	
				110 32
" " " " Books, etc.....	\$	153	14	
" " " " Via Christi.....		623	20	
" " " " Perry Pictures.....		25	24	
" " " " Leaflets from Other Boards.....		126	05	
				927 63
" " " " Printing Little Light Bearer Literature, etc.....	\$	381	19	
" " " " Mrs. Harrison, for Little Light Bearers Literature.....		72	52	
" " " " Mrs. Harrison, for Other Literature.....		141	21	
				594 92
" " " " Standard Bearers Literature, etc..	\$	100	20	
" " " " United Study Circulars.....		7	50	
" " " " Cuts in Peking School Book.....		27	50	
" " " " Cuts in German Leaflets.....		3	27	
				138 47
" " " " Express and Postage.....	\$	324	23	
" " " " Office Help.....		444	02	
" " " " Traveling Expenses of Committee.....		105	87	
				874 12
				\$ 4,035 61
To Cash Received for Literature.....	\$	2,372	74	
" " " " Leaflet Report.....		122	40	
" " " " Calendars.....		573	22	
" " " " Little Light Bearers Literature, etc.....		136	25	
" " " " Standard Bearers Literature, etc.....		56	75	
" " " " Maps.....		5	00	
				3,266 36
Cash Deficit.....	\$	769	25	
Literature on Hand.....	\$	1,000	00	
Little Light Bearers Literature, etc.....		200	00	
Bills Due.....		92	76	
				1,292 76
Cash Deficit.....				769 25
Net Balance.....	\$	523	51	

PAULINE J. WALDEN.

Report of Little Light Bearers.

Last year marked a new epoch in the Little Light Bearer realm. During the previous ten years of its existence these little "morning glories" of the missionary cause had had many a kindly nod of approval and many a God-speed from this body, but not till last year did they receive the official recognition which calls for a report. By a vote of the executive committee the enrollment cards, which had heretofore been the property of the N. E. Branch, were to be handed over to the whole society; but before this should take place an opportunity was given the branches to unite in ordering a large quantity direct from the factory, thus securing the advantage of lowest rates.

In this our publisher acquiesced, as it was thought it would give a new impetus to the Little Light Bearers' work, encouraging the branches to make them free.

Most of the branches availed themselves of this privilege, all understanding that when the cards were handled by our society, the cost of storage, office help, would necessitate an increased price.

Two appeals were next prepared, one for conference and district secretaries, and the other for auxiliaries. The latter was sent to the depots of supplies, and the district secretaries were requested to obtain them from there and send one to each auxiliary. These appeals asked that each auxiliary choose a committee to have charge of the Little Light Bearers' department and report the same to the district secretary.

The suggestion was also given that the committee appointed secure a Little Light Bearers' outfit, which would explain the method fully to all who were unfamiliar with it.

That each auxiliary recognize this department by putting it into the hands of a committee, seemed a perfectly natural and reasonable thing to ask, yet like so many plans which are thought out with such great care and sent out with such earnest hopes and prayer, the plea in many cases seemed to fall upon stony ground. But this was only in the seeming, for it surely awakened a greater interest; and while the outcome did not measure up to our hopes, yet there are continued evidences of fruit-bearing results. In some instances a second supply of these appeals was ordered by our depots of supplies to meet the demand. Letters expressing great interest in the work and rich with promises for the future, began pouring in from secretaries and the local workers of every branch. These

letters are cherished treasures. With the blessing of God we build great hopes upon them.

About 210 personal letters to local workers have been written by the secretary this year.

In the interest of this department six new leaflets have been issued: "Why be a Little Light Bearer?" "Hints on Best Methods," "Christian Methods," "Motherhood in Heathen Lands," and "Little Light Bearer Echoes," the last four to be used in making up a program for mothers. A program, together with two little poems, was also printed for this purpose.

The new plan of brightening the Little Light Bearer page of our "*Children's Missionary Friend*" with the face of some Little Light Bearer who has been made a life member by the payment of \$10, has just been inaugurated. This has called forth kindly messages of approval from many of our workers and awakened considerable interest, which we hope will increase.

Every name means more than the \$10. It means help for the Little Light Bearers cause generally and added interest in the little paper.

The difficulty of conducting with any degree of satisfaction a personal correspondence with our 100 conference secretaries led the general secretary to send a request to each branch annual meeting, asking that a branch secretary be appointed, through whom the general secretary may work.

Several branches have complied with this request, and we trust that others will see their way to do so. This is a decided step in advance, and will enable the work to be carried on much more effectually.

Toward the close of the year a communication was sent to each conference secretary, asking for a report of Little Light Bearer work in her conference. Thirty-four responded. Six had no work but were hoping for it.

Information was also asked concerning space for Little Light Bearer reports in printed blanks, and find in a number of branches no space is given, which adds to the difficulty of getting reports. Most of the branches will remedy this when printing new blanks.

"Just name the thing that you want," said a wideawake secretary, all ready to take up the work. This is the answer:

1. Enrollment cards, free in every branch.
2. A branch secretary for Little Light Bearers in every branch who shall work through the regular channels.
3. Space for Little Light Bearer reports on all printed blanks.
4. Little Light Bearer department represented and reported at district meetings.

5. A committee for this work in every auxiliary and reports called for at every meeting.

6. One meeting each year in the local auxiliary arranged with special thought for the mothers, particularly the mothers of the Little Light Bearers.

Also another occasion, when the Little Light Bearers themselves are invited guests. These Little Light Bearer receptions have come to be a delightful feature in many churches. When we remember "He that takes the child by the hand, takes the mother by the heart," the value of this opportunity increases two fold.

Not infrequently a communication like the following is received: "We cannot find a woman for our Little Light Bearer committee." When our women once get a glimpse of the beauty of this work, its simplicity and yet its great importance, then there will be no longer this dearth of workers.

The children of the world are in the direct care of the women of the world. The holiest work ever given to women and the society which neglects its little ones, lacks the highest, truest wisdom. "The field is already white for the harvest;" "Suffer the little children to come."

LUCIE F. HARRISON,
Secretary of Little Light Bearers.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1902.

AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED FROM OCTOBER 1, 1901, TO OCTOBER 1, 1902, BY BRANCHES.

New England Branch	\$	43,039	97
New York	"	89,921	00
Philadelphia	"	43,491	07
Baltimore	"	19,310	77
Cincinnati	"	57,280	00
Northwestern	"	120,406	05
Des Moines	"	41,155	65
Minneapolis	"	21,809	22
Topeka	"	20,694	56
Pacific	"	13,886	00
Columbia River	"	5,085	57
From the Germans		2,156	17
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Amount raised, 1901	\$	478,236	03
		426,795	28
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Advance for 1902	\$	51,440.	75

Receipts of Society Since Organization.

From March,	1869, to April,	1870.....	\$4,546 86
" April 1,	1870, to "	1871.....	22,397 99
" "	1871, to "	1872.....	44,477 46
" "	1872, to "	1873.....	54,834 87
" "	1873, to "	1874.....	64,309 25
" "	1874, to "	1875.....	61,492 19
" "	1875, to Feb. 10,	1876.....	55,276 06
" Feb. 10,	1876, to "	1877.....	72,464 30
" "	1877, to "	1878.....	68,063 52
" "	1878, to "	1879.....	66,843 69
" "	1879, to "	1880.....	76,276 43
" "	1880, to "	1881.....	107,932 45
" "	1881, to Oct. 1,	1882.....	195,678 50
" Oct. 1,	1882, to "	1883.....	126,823 33
" "	1883, to "	1884.....	143,199 14
" "	1884, to "	1885.....	157,442 66
" "	1885, to "	1886.....	167,098 85
" "	1886, to "	1887.....	191,158 13
" "	1887, to "	1888.....	206,308 69
" "	1888, to "	1889.....	226,496 15
" "	1889, to "	1890.....	220,329 96
" "	1890, to "	1891.....	263,660 69
" "	1891, to "	1892.....	265,342 15
" "	1892, to "	1893.....	277,303 79
" "	1893, to "	1894.....	311,925 96
" "	1894, to "	1895.....	289,227 00
" "	1895, to "	1896.....	285,823 94
" "	1896, to "	1897.....	313,937 86
" "	1897, to "	1898.....	328,488 75
" "	1898, to "	1899.....	360,338 63
" "	1899, to "	1900.....	414,531 33
" "	1900, to "	1901.....	426,795 28
" "	1901, to "	1902.....	478,236 03
Total since organization.....			\$6,359,761 89

LESSON TOPICS FOR 1903.

Prepared by the Literature Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The lessons for February, March, April, September, October and November are upon India, in accord with the Interdenominational Study.

- January.* A General Survey of 1902. The Dividend, Divisor and Quotient, *i. e.*, Apportionments, Objects and Results. Review for 1903. What would another \$50,000 do?
- February.* The Dim Centuries.
- March.* India's Invaders. Sub-Topic—Thank-Offering.
- April.* The Oft-Conquered People.
- May.* Duty of Christian Nations to Protect Christless Nations from the Vices of Civilization. Paper — Patriotism as a Factor of Foreign Missions. Sub-Topic—Bulgaria.
- June.* The World Outlook for Girlhood. Children and Missions. Sub-Topic—Will the Present Generation See the Evangelization of the World?
- July.* A Magazine Quiz.—Let some month of the "Woman's Missionary Friend" be the text book for the lesson, the same to be conducted as a class recitation. Sub-Topics—Growth of Self-Support in Mission Fields. Country—Tibet. Paper Miss Sheldon and Her Bhotyans.
- August.* Our Work in Africa. Sub-Topic—Some Stories of Bible Translation. Paper — Relation of Missions to Social Progress.
- September.* The Invasion of Love.
- October.* A Century of Work for Women.
- November.* Forces of Darkness and Forces of Light.
- December.* The Child and His Mission. Sub-Topic—The Growth of the Kingdom in Japan.

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1872.....	Gertrude Howe.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Northwestern.....	Lansing, Mich.
1872.....	Lucy A. Hoag, M.D.....	Chin Kiang, China.....	New York.....	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1878.....	S. A. Easton.....	Naini Tal, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Washington, D. C.
1878.....	Matilda A. Spencer.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Philadelphia.....	German town, Pa.
1879.....	Elizabeth Russell.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Delaware, O.
1879.....	Jennie M. Gheer.....	Kagoshima, Japan.....	New York.....	Bellewood Pa.
1880.....	Anna N. Budden.....	Pithoragarh, India.....	New York.....	Almorah, India.
1881.....	Minnie S. Hampton.....	Hakodate, Japan.....	New York.....	New York, N. Y.
1881.....	Mrs. Carrie Van Petten.....	Yokohama Japan.....	Northwestern.....	Neponset, Ill.
1881.....	Emma L. Knowles.....	Darjeeling, India.....	New England.....	Newark N. J.
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1883.....	Rebecca J. Watson.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Topeka.....	Lincoln, Neb.
1884.....	*Lida B. Smith.....	Kagoshima, Japan.....	New York.....	Syracuse, N. Y.
1884.....	Fannie M. English.....	Bareilly, India.....	New York.....	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
1884.....	Mary Reed.....	Pithoragarh, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Becketts, O.
1884.....	Mary C. Robinson.....	Chinkiang, China.....	Northwestern.....	Michigan.
1884.....	Carrie I. Jewell.....	Foochow, China.....	Cincinnati.....	Harmar, O.
1884.....	Eleanor LeHuray.....	Buenos Ayres S. A.....	Philadelphia.....	Summit, N. J.
1884.....	Elizabeth Hewett.....	Montevideo, S. A.....	Northwestern.....	Gilead, Mich.
1885.....	*Mrs. M. F. Scranton.....	Seoul, Korea.....	N. E. & N. Y.....	Cleveland, O.
1885.....	*Anna D. Gloss, M. D.....	Pekin, China.....	Northwestern.....	Chicago, Ill.
1885.....	Theresa J. Kyle.....	Pauri, India.....	Philadelphia.....	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
1885-1900	Julia E. Wisner.....	Darjeeling, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Berea, O.
1886.....	Ella J. Hewett.....	Hirosaki, Japan.....	Northwestern.....	Gilead, Mich.
1886.....	Anna E. Lawson.....	Phalera, India.....	Des Moines.....	Ottumwa, Ill.

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1886.....	Harriet L. Ayres.....	Mexico City, Mexico.....	Cincinnati.....	Hillsboro, O.
1887.....	Edna G. Terry, M. D.....	Tsunhua, China.....	New England.....	Boston, Mass.
1887.....	Ella C. Shaw.....	Nankin, China.....	Northwestern.....	Moore's Hill, Ind.
1887.....	Mabel C. Hartford.....	Long Bing, China.....	New England.....	Dover, N. H.
1887.....	Sophia Blackmore.....	Singapore, Sts. Settlements.....	Minneapolis.....	Australia.
1887.....	May E. Carleton, M. D.....	Ming-Chiang, China.....	New York.....	Port Chester, N. Y.
1887.....	*Louise C. Rothweiler.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cincinnati.....	Newport, Ky.
1887.....	Anna Gallimore.....	Aligarh, India.....	Baltimore.....	England.
1888.....	*Belle J. Allen.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Bellevue, O.
1888.....	*Anna V. Bing.....	Sappora, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Delaware, O.
1888.....	Julia A. Bonafield.....	Foochow, China.....	Cincinnati.....	Tunnelton, W. Va.
1888.....	Kate A. Blair.....	Calcutta, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Painesville, O.
1888.....	Augusta Dickerson.....	Hakodate, Japan.....	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
1888.....	Elizabeth Maxey.....	Calcutta, India.....	New York.....	London, O.
1888.....	Emma Mitchell.....	Wuhu, China.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1888.....	Sarah Peters.....	Nankin, China.....	Northwestern.....	Princeton, Ill.
1888.....	Lucy W. Sullivan.....	Pithoragarh, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Dayton, O.
1888.....	Martha A. Sheldon, M. D.....	Pithoragarh, India.....	New England.....	Excelsior, Minn.
1889.....	Anna E. Steere.....	Tai-an, China.....	Northwestern.....	Adrian, Mich.
1889.....	*Elsie Wood.....	Lima, Peru.....	New York.....	South America.
1889.....	Mary B. Griffiths.....	Hirosaki, Japan.....	Des Moines.....	Marathon, Ia.
1889.....	Frances E. Phelps.....	Sendai, Japan.....	Des Moines.....	Sioux City.
1889.....	Frances O. Wilson.....	Tientsin, China.....	Des Moines.....	Corning, Ia.
1889.....	Elizabeth R. Bender.....	Nagoya, Japan.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.
1889.....	Frances Scott.....	Gondah, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Cincinnati, O.

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1889.....	Rue E. Sellers.....	Naini Tal, India.....	Cincinnati.....	New Matamoras, O.
1889.....	Lydia A. Trimble.....	Nan Chang, China.....	Des Moines.....	Galva, Ia.
1889.....	Ellen Blackstock.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Minneapolis.....	Shadeland, Ind.
1889.....	Georgiana Baucus.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	New York.....	Ithaca, N. Y.
1890.....	Rachel R. Benn, M. D.....	Tientsin, China.....	Philadelphia.....	Edinboro, Pa.
1890.....	*Ida Stevenson, M. D.....	Tientsin, China.....	Topeka.....	Chicago.
1890.....	Ellen M. Lyon, M. D.....	Foochow, China.....	Northwestern.....	Spencer Creek, Mich.
1890.....	Leonora H. Seeds.....	Fukuoka, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Delaware, O.
1890.....	*Frances A. Perkins.....	Rangoon, Burma.....	Des Moines.....	Indianola, Ia.
1891.....	M. E. Vickery.....	Rome, Italy.....	Northwestern.....	Evansville, Ind.
1878-1891	Mary F. Swaney.....	Rosario, S. Am.....	Topeka.....	Manhattan, Kan.
1891.....	Anna R. Limberger.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	Philadelphia.....	Danville, Pa.
1891.....	Kate L. Ogborn.....	Nan Chang, China.....	Des Moines.....	Union Mills, Ia.
1891.....	Laura M. White.....	Chin Kiang, China.....	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia.
1891.....	Ella A. Lewis.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Philadelphia.....	New York City.
1891.....	Louisa Heater.....	Jabalpore, India.....	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia.
1892.....	Grace Stephens.....	Madras, India.....	Baltimore.....	India.
1892.....	Effie Dunmore.....	Guanajuato, Mexico ..	Philadelphia.....	Auburn Corners, Pa.
1892.....	Josephine O. Paine.....	Seoul, Korea.....	New England.....	Boston, Mass.
1892.....	Effie G. Young.....	Peking, China.....	New England.....	Waltham, Mass.
1892.....	Luella M. Masters, M. D.....	Foochow, China.....	Northwestern.....	Thornton, Ind.
1892.....	Elizabeth Hoge.....	Gonda, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Bellaire, O.
1892.....	Kate B. Blackburn.....	Loficha, Bulgaria.....	Northwestern.....	Jacksonville, Ill.
1892.....	Catherine Wood.....	Haiderabad, India.....	Des Moines.....	Humeston, Ia.
1892.....	Ada J. Lauck.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Des Moines.....	Indianola, Ia.
1892.....	*Frances Craig.....	Calcutta, India.....	Northwestern.....	Evanston, Ill.

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1892.....	Josephine Stahl.....	Rangoon, Burma.....	Northwestern.....	Diagonal, Ia.
1892.....	Christine Lawson.....	Bombay, India.....	New York.....	Green Island, N. Y.
1892.....	Ella E. Glover.....	Tientsin, China.....	New England.....	Boston, Mass.
1892....	Lydia A. Wilkinson.....	Foochow, China.....	Des Moines.....	Diagonal, Ia.
1892.....	Mary F. Cutler, M. D.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cin. & N. York.....	Pomeroy, Ia.
1893.....	Mrs. Anna C. Davis.....	Nan King, China.....	Northwestern.....	Oak Park, Ill.
1893.....	Lula E. Frey.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cincinnati.....	Bellefontaine, O.
1893.....	Carrie A. Heaton.....	Sendai, Japan.....	Northwestern.....	Seymour, Ind.
1893.....	Wilma H. Rouse.....	Foochow, China.....	Minneapolis.....	Lakefield, Minn.
1894.....	Harriet S. Alling.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Northwestern.....	Chicago, Ill.
1894.....	Florence E. Singer.....	Hakodate, Japan.....	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
1894.....	Minnie E. Wilson.....	Foochow, China.....	Northwestern.....	Shelbyville, Ind.
1894.....	*Lillian R. Marks.....	Ajmere, India.....	Pacific.....	San Francisco, Cal.
1894.....	Anna R. Elicker.....	Khandwa, India.....	Des Moines.....	Muscantine, Ia.
1894.....	Mabel Allen.....	Foochow, China.....	Des Moines.....	Early, Iowa.
1894.....	Mary Peters.....	Foochow, China.....	Northwestern.....	Princeville, Ill.
1894.....	Florence L. Nichols.....	Lucknow, India.....	New England.....	Lynn, Mass.
1894.....	Lola May Kidwell.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Delavan, O.
1894.....	*Julia M. Donahue, M. D.....	Hing Hua, China.....	Cincinnati.....	Fremont, O.
1894.....	*Celesta Easton.....	Sitapore, India.....	Pacific.....	Riverside, Cal.
1894.....	Lily D. Greene.....	Phalera, India.....	Northwestern.....	Greencastle, Ind.
1894.....	*Mary E. Wilson.....	Bareilly, India.....	Northwestern.....	India.
1894.....	Helen R. Galloway.....	Chung King, China.....	Des Moines.....	Mt. Ayr, Ia.
1894.....	*Fannie E. Meyer.....	Chung King, China.....	Des Moines.....	Elm Grove, Mo.
1895.....	Gertrude Taft, M. D.....	Chin Kiang, China.....	Pacific.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
1895.....	Clara J. Collier.....	Chun King, China.....	New England.....	Laconia, N. H.

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1895.....	Phoebe Wells.....	Foochow, China.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1895.....	Alice Linam.....	Kucheng, China.....	New York.....	Leesburg, Ind.
1895.....	Kate O. Curtis.....	Budaon, India.....	New York.....	New York City.
1895.....	Laura S. Wright.....	Muttra, India.....	Northwestern.....	Washington, Ind.
1895.....	Althea M. Todd.....	Ing Chung, China.....	New England.....	Boston, Mass.
1895.....	Alice A. Evans.....	Haiderabad, India.....	Des Moines.....	Russell, Ia.
1895.....	Miranda Croucher.....	Tientsin, China.....	New England.....	Boston, Mass.
1895.....	Hu King Eng, M. D.....	Foochow, China.....	Philadelphia.....	Foochow, China.
1895.....	Eva M. Hardie.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati.....	New York City.
1896.....	*Emma Scott, M. D.....	Muttra, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Columbus, O.
1896.....	*Mary Means.....	Moradabad, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Akron, O.
1896.....	*Mary E. Shockley.....	Peking, China.....	Cincinnati.....	Columbus, O.
1896.....	Gertrude Gilman.....	Peking, China.....	New England.....	Springfield, Vt.
1896.....	Fannie S. Fisher.....	Kolar, India.....	Northwestern.....	Danville, Ill.
1896.....	Ida Khan, M. D.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Northwestern.....	Kiu Kiang, China.
1896.....	Mary Stone, M. D.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Des Moines.....	Kiu Kiang, China.
1896.....	*Elizabeth M. Bentheim.....	Poona, India.....	Northwestern.....	Millbrook, Ill.
1896.....	Caroline M. Purdy.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	Philadelphia.....	Sunbury, Pa.
1896.....	Elizabeth W. Nicholls.....	Bombay, India.....	New York.....	New York City.
1896.....	Clara E. Merrill.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Northwestern.....	Flint, Mich.
1896.....	*Clarissa E. Spencer.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
1896.....	Frances G. Wilson.....	Singapore, Sls. Settlements	Cincinnati.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1897.....	May B. Lily.....	Chung King, China.....	Minn. & Col. Riv	Portland, O.
1897.....	*Grace B. Todd.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Northwestern.....	57 Wash'g St., Chicago, Ill
1897.....	Mariana Young.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cincinnati.....	Marysville, O.
1897.....	Nellie Pierce.....		Philadelphia.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.

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1897.....	Mary E. Melton.	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Northwestern	Jacksonville, Ill.
1897.....	*Martha Lebeus.....	Sieng Lu, China.....	Cincinnati.....	Cincinnati, O.
1897.....	*Ida M. Bowne.....	Rome, Italy.....	Northwestern	Herkimer, N. Y.
1897.....	Clara Martin.....	Penang, Straits Settlements.....	Minneapolis.....	Hamline, Minn.
1897.....	Nettie M. Hyde.....	Jabalpore, India.....	Des Moines.....	Hopkins, Mo.
1897.....	Martelle Elliot.....	Poona, India.....	New York.....	Van Wert, O.
1897.....	N. M. Daniel.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Des Moines.....	Traer, Iowa.
1897.....	Melva A. Livermore.....	Meerut, India.....	Topeka.....	Smith Center, Kas.
1897.....	Laura Robenhouse.....	Aligarh, India.....	Des Moines.....	Cambria, Iowa.
1897.....	Amy Gifford Lewis.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	Baltimore.....	Jamestown, N. Y.
1898.....	Alice Means.....	Moradabad, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Akron, O.
1898.....	*Marion Newton.....	Lucknow, India.....	Northwestern	Grand Ledge, Mich.
1898.....	*Isabella D. Longstreet.....	Foochow, China.....	Northwestern	Bay City, Mich.
1898.....	E. Marguerite Glenk.....	Kucheng, China.....	New York.....	Long Island City, N. Y.
1898.....	L. W. Varney.....	Hing Hua, China.....	Topeka.....	Pueblo, Cal.
1898.....	Edith A. Hemingway.....	Singapore, Sls. Settlements.....	New England.....	Springfield, Mass.
1898.....	Miriam Forster.....	Asansol, India.....	Northwestern.....	Toronto, Canada.
1898.....	Ida Grace Loper.....	Sitapore, India.....	New York.....	Marilla, N. Y.
1898.....	Margaret Carver.....	Raichur, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Delaware, O.
1898.....	Estelle M. Files.....	Poona, India.....	New York.....	Brockport, N. Y.
1899.....	Helen Ingram.....	Bareilly, India.....	Minneapolis.....	Brighton, England.
1899.....	Emma Ernsberger, M. D.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cincinnati.....	Cincinnati, O.
1899.....	Jennie Moyer.....	Calcutta, India.....	New York.....	Newark, N. Y.
1899.....	Clara M. Organ.....	Shahjahanpore, India.....	New England.....	Groveland, Mass.
1899.....	Mary Putnam Stearns.....	Lucknow, India.....	New England.....	Boston, Mass.
1899.....	Martha L. Nicolaisen.....	Sieng Lu, China.....	Minneapolis.....	Cincinnati, O.

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1899.....	Caroline Driebelbeis.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1899.....	Mary Eva Gregg.....	Muttra, India.....	Des Moines.....	Dauville, Ia.
1899.....	Carrie J. Samson.....	Calcutta, India.....	Des Moines.....	Vannest, Ia.
1899.....	Phebe A. Parkinson.....	Foochow, China.....	Columbia River.....	Spokane, Wash.
1899.....	Ella Manning.....	Chung King, China.....	Northwestern.....	Detroit, Mich.
1899.....	Louise T. Brouse.....	Lucknow, India.....	Northwestern.....	Irrington, Ind.
1899.....	Ada J. Southard.....	Hirosaki, Japan.....	Des Moines.....	.....
1899.....	Bertha E. Kneeland.....	Rosario, S. A.....	New England.....	Boston, Mass.
1899.....	Charlotte J. Illingworth.....	Thandaug, Burma.....	Philadelphia.....	Burma.
1900.....	Ida Bohannon.....	Pachuca, Mexico.....	Northwestern.....	Dellon, Kansas.
1900.....	Laura E. Beazell.....	Rome, Italy.....	Northwestern.....	Ligonier, Ind.
1900.....	Dora Davis.....	Loitcha, Bulgaria.....	Northwestern.....	Kalamazoo, Mich.
1900.....	Mrs. Mary C. Meek.....	Kuala Lumpur, Ss. Set'm'ts.	New York.....	New York City.
1900.....	Luella R. Anderson.....	Kuala Lumpur, Ss. Set'm'ts.	Cincinnati.....	Ada, Ohio.
1900.....	Anna J. Norton, M. D.....	Jabalpore, India.....	Cincinnati.....	New York City.
1900.....	Mary A. Cody.....	Singapore, Ss. Settlements.....	Minneapolis.....	Cleveland, O.
1900.....	Ida Ellis.....	Penang, Ss. Settlements.....	Minneapolis.....	Greencastle, Ind.
1900.....	Charlotte J. Holman.....	Ajmere, India.....	Pacific.....	Boston, Mass.
1900.....	Lilavati Singh.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati.....	India.
1900.....	Luella Rigby.....	Thandaug, Burma.....	Des Moines.....	Mechanicsville, Ia.
1900.....	Mary V. McKinley.....	Darjeeling, India.....	Northwestern.....	Dixon, Ill.
1900.....	H. Mariana Decker.....	Chung King, China.....	Northwestern.....	Chicago, Ill.
1900.....	Eva Odgers.....	Rome, Italy.....	Northwestern.....	Chicago, Ill.
1900.....	Mary L. Rowley.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Northwestern.....	Murray, Ia.
1900.....	Grace Stockwell.....	Rangoon, Burma.....	Des Moines.....
1900.....	Mrs. Esther Kim Pak, M. D.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Philadelphia.....	Seoul, Korea.

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1900.....	Lucy E. Bumgardner.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	Des Moines.....	Iowa.....
1900.....	Emma E. Martin, M. D.....	Peking, China.....	Northwestern.....	Otterbein, Ind.....
1900.....	Elizabeth Martin.....	Peking, China.....	Northwestern.....	Otterbein, Ind.....
1900.....	Mary R. Hillman.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cincinnati.....	Newark, O.....
1900.....	Martha J. Miller.....	Basin, India.....	Des Moines.....	Madrid, Iowa.....
1900.....	Ruth E. Robinson.....	Lucknow, India.....	Baltimore.....	Calcutta, India.....
1900.....	Mary E. Williams.....	Baroda, India.....	Philadelphia.....	Grove City, Pa.....
1900.....	Alice J. Hammond.....	Seoul, Korea.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.....
1900.....	Lulu A. Miller.....	Seoul, Korea.....	New York.....	Little Falls, N. Y.....
1900.....	Emily L. Harvey.....	Raipur, India.....	New England.....	St. Johnsbury, Vt.....
1900.....	Florence Plumb.....	Foochow, China.....	New York.....	Foochow, China.....
1900.....	Ethel M. Estey.....	Seoul, Korea.....	New York.....	.....
1900.....	Elizabeth May Riddick.....	Gondah, India.....	New England.....	El Dorado, Kans.....
1900.....	Mrs. Susan Tippet.....	Foochow, India.....	Baltimore.....	.....
1900.....	Mrs. Helen E. Rasmussen.....	Rhodesia, S. E. Africa.....	New York.....	.....
1882-1900.....	Anna P. Atkinson.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	New York.....	Cazenovia, N. Y.....
1901.....	Ella Holbrook.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Pacific.....	San Francisco, Cal.....
1901.....	Margaret M. Lewis, M. D.....	Bareilly, India.....	Northwestern.....	Chicago, Ill.....
1901.....	Anna A. Abbott.....	Godhra, India.....	Northwestern.....	Chicago, Ill.....
1901.....	Jessie Alice Marriott.....	Ing Chung, China.....	New England.....	Osage City, Mo.....
1901.....	Emma Stockwell.....	Rangoon, Burma.....	Topka.....	Murray, Ia.....
1901.....	Grace Stockwell.....	Rangoon, Burma.....	Des Moines.....	Murray, Ia.....
1901.....	Grace W. Woods.....	Kolar, India.....	Northwestern.....	Quincy, Ill.....
1901.....	Carrie Foster.....	Rangoon, Burma.....	Des Moines.....	Sioux City, Ia.....
1901.....	Elizabeth J. Wells.....	Haiderabad, India.....	Des Moines.....	LaCade, Mo.....
1901.....	Annie S. Winslow.....	Meerut, India.....	Topka.....	Chicago, Ill.....

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1901.....	Agnes Edmonds, M. D.	Chung King, China.....	Des Moines.....	Tina, Mo.
1901.....	Christina Williams.....	Chung King, China.....	Minneapolis.....	Duluth, Minn.
1901.....	Fannie A. Beunett.....	Jabalpore, India.....	Northwestern.....	Bloomington, Ill.
1901.....	Susan Collins.....	Malange, Angola, Africa.....	Pacific.....	Pasadena, Cal.
1901.....	Margaret J. Edmunds.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cincinnati.....	Toledo, O.
1901.....	Isabel McKnight.....	Muttra, India.....	Topeka.....	Oxford, Ga.
1901.....	M. Alice Moore.....	Guanajuato, Mexico.....	New England.....	San Jose, Cal.
1901.....	Edna L. Beck, M. D.....	Ajmere, India.....	Pacific.....	Des Moines, Iowa.
1901.....	Nainette Henkle.....	Calcutta, India.....	Des Moines.....	Cortland, N. Y.
1902.....	Georgia Weaver.....	Japan.....	New York.....	Northport, N. Y.
1902.....	Henrietta Robins.....	Mexico City, Mexico.....	New York.....	Eastern Shore, Md.
1902.....	Alice W. Kurtz.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	Philadelphia.....	Williamsport, Pa.
1902.....	Anna B. Slate.....	Fukuoka, Japan.....	Philadelphia.....	Upland, Ind.
1902.....	Mabel K. Seeds.....	Hing Hua, China.....	Northwestern.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.
1902.....	Pauline E. Wescott.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Northwestern.....	Bartlett, Ill.
1902.....	Therza M. Pierce.....	Taiping, Malaysia.....	Northwestern.....	Green Castle, Ind.
1902.....	C. Ethel Jackson.....	India.....	Topeka.....	Pittsburg.
1902.....	Urdell Montgomery.....	Camp Baroda, India.....	Philadelphia.....	Colorado Springs.
1902.....	Sarah B. Turner.....	Aligarh, India.....	Topeka.....	Japan
1903.....	Mary B. Tuttle, M. D.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Baltimore.....	Delaware, O.
1902.....	Maude E. Soper.....	Foochow, China.....	Cincinnati.....	China.
1902.....	Lotta McHase.....	.....	Des Moines.....	Indianola, Iowa.
1902.....	Mabel Sia.....	.....	Des Moines.....	Vinton, Iowa.
1902.....	Bertha M. Beard.....	Des Moines.....	Ottumwa, Iowa.
1902.....	Rosa M. Pyne.....	Des Moines.....	
1902.....	Susanna M. Stumpl.....	Des Moines.....	

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1902.	Joan Davis.	Bombay, India.	Des Moines.	Fayette, Iowa.
1902.	Minerva Gutthaffel.	Bombay, India.	New York.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1902.	Helen Robinson.	Tokyo, Japan.	Japan.	Japan.
1902.	Mabel Davison.	Japan.	Herkimer, N. Y.	Herkimer, N. Y.
1902.	Esther R. Henderson.	Japan.	Hoboken, N. J.	Hoboken, N. J.
1902.	Laura Temple.	Manila, Philippine Islands.	Prince Edward Is., N. F.	Prince Edward Is., N. F.
1902.	Bessie Alexander.		Chicago, Ill.	Chicago, Ill.
1902.	Lou Frances Passmore.		Spring Valley, Minn.	Spring Valley, Minn.
1902.	Anna Mary Zimmerman.		Kansas City, Kans.	Kansas City, Kans.
1902.	Winifred Spaulding.		Topeka.	

RETIRED AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE.

	Sarah Woolston.	Foochow, China.		Mt. Holly, N. J.
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RETIRED AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS' SERVICE.

	Clara A. Swain, M. D.	India.		Castile, N. Y.
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1875.....	Miss Letitia A. Campbell.....	Peking, China.....	Died May 18, 1878.
1878.....	" Susan B. Higgins.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	" July 3, 1879.
1876.....	" L. H. Green, M. D. (Mrs. Cheney).....	Bareilly, India.....	" Sept. 30, 1878.
1881.....	" Emma Michener.....	Africa.....	" Dec. 11, 1881.
1884.....	" Ella Gilchrist, M. D.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	" April 23, 1884.
1871.....	" Beulah Woolston.....	Foochow, China.....	" Oct. 24, 1886.
1880.....	" Cecelia Guelfi.....	Montevideo, S. A.....	1886.
1881.....	" Harriet Kerr.....	Bareilly, India.....	" Dec. 11, 1886.
1880.....	" Florence Nickerson.....	Lucknow, India.....	" Jan. 31, 1887.
1878.....	" Harriet Woolston, M. D.....	Moradabad, India.....	
1872.....	" Elizabeth M. Pultz.....	Moradabad, India.....	" Nov. 5, 1887.
1883.....	" Emma J. Everding.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	" Jan. 13, 1892.
1878.....	" M. E. Layton.....	Cawnpore, India.....	" April 22, 1892.
1888.....	" M. E. V. Pardoe.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	" Aug. 31, 1892.
1887.....	" Mary A. Vance (Mrs. Belknap).....	Tokyo, Japan.....	" Sept. 27, 1892.
1880.....	" Anna B. Sears.....	Peking, China.....	" Dec. 4, 1895.
1884.....	" Clara A. Downey.....	India.....	" Jan. 4, 1896.
1888.....	" Mary E. Carroll.....	Bombay, India.....	" June 12, 1897.
1884.....	" Linna M. Schenck.....	Bulgaria.....	" March 22, 1898.
1881.....	" Phebe Rowe.....	India.....	" April 13, 1898.
1874.....	" Maud E. Simons.....	Japan.....	" July 29, 1898.
1876.....	" Mary Hastings.....	Mexico.....	" Aug. 15, 1898.
1887.....	" Nettie Ogden.....	Mexico.....	1899.
1900.....	" Mary A. Hughes (Mrs. Ernsberger).....	India.....	1899.
1895.....	" Martha McKibben.....	Mexico City, Mo.....	" Nov. 12, 1900.
1898.....	" Florence Sterling (Mrs. Leuth).....	India.....	" Nov. 1900.
1896.....	" Cora Zentmire (Mrs. Brewster).....	Angola, Africa.....	" Jan. 8, 1901.
1886.....	" Isabella Thoburn.....	Lucknow, India.....	" Sept. 1, 1901.
1894.....	" Delia A. Fuller.....	Sironcha, India.....	" Nov. 14, 1901.
1897.....	" Mary De F. Loyd.....	Mexico City, Mex.....	" May 28, 1902.
1900.....	" Lillian Harris, M. D.....	Peng Yang, Korea.....	" May 16, 1902.
	" Josephine Mekkleeson.....	Quessua, Africa.....	" July 5, 1902.

Missionaries.

SENT OUT FROM AMERICA OR EMPLOYED BY THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1869.

m Indicates marriage, *r* Retired, *d* Deceased. (Name in parenthesis is married name.)

Date of App'm't		Date of App'm't.	
1882 <i>m</i>	Akers, Estella, M. D. (Perkins)	1884 <i>r</i>	Christianey, Mary F., M. D.
1882	Atkinson, Anna P.	1887	Carleton, May E., M. D.
1888 <i>r</i>	Atkinson, Mary	1888 <i>d</i>	Carroll, Mary E.
1886	Ayers, Harriet L.	1892 <i>r</i>	Crosthwaite, Isabella
1887 <i>r</i>	Abrams, Minnie F.	1892	Craig, Frances
1888	Allen, Belle J.	1892	Cutler, Mary F., M. D.
1894	Alling, H. S.	1894 <i>m</i>	Christiansen, Christina
1894	Allen, Mabel	1894 <i>m</i>	Collins, Ruth A. (Thoburn)
1900	Anderson, Luella R.	1895	Croncher, Miranda
1901	Abbott, Anna A.	1895	Curts, Kate O.
1902	Alexander, Bessie	1895	Collier, Clara J.
		1898	Carver, Margaret B.
1871 <i>m</i>	Brown, Maria (Davis)	1900	Cody, Mary A.
1872 <i>m</i>	Blackmar, Lon E. (Gilder)	1901	Collins, Susan
1879 <i>r</i>	Bushnell, Kate C., M. D.		
1880	Budden, Annie	1874 <i>r</i>	Denning, Lon B.
1882 <i>m</i>	Benton, Emma (Elmer)	1882 <i>m</i>	Devine, Esther J. (Williams)
1888	Bonafield, Julia A.	1884 <i>d</i>	Downey, Clara A.
1887	Blackmore, Sophia	1884 <i>r</i>	De Line, Sarah M.
1888	Bing, Anna V.	1888 <i>r</i>	Danforth, Mary A.
1888	Blair, Kate A.	1888	Dickerson, Augusta
1888 <i>r</i>	Black, Lillian R.	1888 <i>m</i>	Day, Martha E. (Abbott)
1888 <i>m</i>	Bowen, Mary E.	1890	Daily, Rebecca
1889	Bender, Elizabeth R.	1890 <i>r</i>	Dudley, Hannah
1889	Blackstock, Ella	1891 <i>r</i>	De Motte, Mary (Doering)
1889	Baucus, Georgiana	1892	Dunmore, Effie
1890	Benn, Rachel R., M. D.	1893 <i>m</i>	Diem, Lydia
1890 <i>m</i>	Bengel, Margaret (Jones)	1893	Davis, Anna L. (Mrs.)
1895 <i>m</i>	Barrows, Mrs. M. L., M. D.	1894	Donohue, Julia M., M. D.
1897	Bowne, Ida May	1895 <i>m</i>	Dart, Jennie M., M. D. (Dease)
1891	Bryan, Mary E., M. D.	1896 <i>m</i>	Deaver, Ida C.
1892	Blackburn, Kate A.	1897	Daniels, N. M.
1894 <i>m</i>	Butcher, Annie	1899	Driebelbeis, Caroline
1896	Bentheim, E. M.	1900	Davis, Dora
1897 <i>r</i>	Boss, Harriet	1900	Decker, H. M.
1897	Bohenhouse, Laura	1902	Davis, Joan
1898	Burman, Matilda		
1900	Brouse, Louise T.	1878	Easton, S. A.
1900	Bohannon, Ida	1885 <i>m</i>	Elliot, Mary J.
1900	Beazell, Laura E.	1883 <i>d</i>	Everding, Emma J.
1900	Bumgardner, Lucy E.	1884	English, Fannie M.
1901	Bunnett, Fannie A.	1885 <i>m</i>	Elliot, Mary C.
1901	Beck, Edna L., M. D.	1879 <i>m</i>	Elliot, Margaret (Wilson)
1902	Beard, Bertha M.	1888 <i>r</i>	Ernsberger, I., M. D.
		1894	Elicker, Anna
1876 <i>m</i>	Carey, Mary F. (Davis)	1894	Easton, Celesta
1875 <i>d</i>	Campbell, L. A.	1895	Evans, Alice A.
1874 <i>r</i>	Chapin, Jennie M.	1897	Elliot, Martelle
1873 <i>m</i>	Coombs, L. M. D. (Strittmater)	1899	Ernsberger, Emma, M. D.
1878 <i>r</i>	Cushman, Clara	1899 <i>m</i>	Ewers, Harriet E. (Lyons)
1880 <i>r</i>	Clemens, Mrs. E. J.	1900	Ellis, Ida
1884 <i>m</i>	Corey, Catherine, M. D. (Ford)		

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1900	Estey, Ethel M.	1895	Hu King Eng, M. D.
1901	Edmonds, Agnes, M. D.	1895 <i>m</i>	Hodge, Emma, M. D. (Worrell)
1901	Edmunds, Margaret J.	1897 <i>d</i>	Harris, Lillian, M. D.
		1897	Hyde, Nettie M.
1884 <i>m</i>	Fisher, Elizabeth (Brewster)	1898	Hemingway, E. A.
1896 <i>d</i>	Fuller, Delia A.	1900	Hollman, Charlotte J.
1887 <i>r</i>	Field, Nellie H.	1900	Hillman, Mary R.
1887 <i>r</i>	Fincham, Ella B.	1900	Hammond, Alice J.
1888	Files, Estella M.	1901	Holbrook, Ella
1889 <i>m</i>	Forbes, Ella R. (Phillips)	1901	Henkle, Nainette
1889	French, Anna S. (Freyer)		
1891	Frey, Celia M.	1889	Imhof, Louisa
1892 <i>m</i>	Ferris, Emma E. (Shellabear)	1899	Ingram, Helen
1893	Frey, Luin E.	1899	Illingworth, Charlotte
1893	Foster, Eva M.		
1896	Fisher, Fannie S.	1883	Jewell, Mrs. C. M.
1898	Forster, Miriam	1884	Jewell, Carrie I.
1901	Foster, Carrie	1888 <i>m</i>	Johnson, Ella (Kinneear)
		1894 <i>r</i>	Johnson, Anna
		1902	Jackson, C. Ethel
1875 <i>d</i>	Green, Lucillea H., M.D. (Chen- [ey])	1898	Jakobsen, Alma
1878 <i>r</i> & <i>m</i>	Gibson, Eugenia		
1879	Gheer, Jennie M.	1881	Knowles, Emma L.
1880 <i>m</i>	Goodenough, Julia E. (Hudson)	1881 <i>d</i>	Kerr, Hattie A.
1880 <i>d</i>	Gilchrist, Ella, M. D.	1885	Kyle, Theresa J.
1878 <i>d</i>	Guelfin, Cecelia	1880 <i>r</i>	Kelly, Luella
1886 <i>r</i>	Green, Nellie R.	1886 <i>m</i>	Kaulback, Anna L. (Wilson)
1885	Gloss, Anna M., M. D.	1888	Ketring, Mary, M. D.
1887	Gallimore, Anna	1891	Kemper, Harriet
1889	Griffiths, Mary B.	1891 <i>m</i>	Kennedy, Mary E. (Core)
1892	Glover, Ella J.	1892 <i>m</i>	Ketler, Anna C. (Manson)
1894	Greene, Lily D.	1894	Kidwell, Lola M.
1894	Galloway, Helen	<i>m</i>	Kissick, S. E. (McCartney)
1895 <i>r</i>	Goodin, E. S.	1896	Khan, Ida, M. D.
1896	Gilman, Gertrude	1900	Kneeland, Bertha E.
1898	Glenk, E. Marguerite	1902	Kurtz, Alice W.
1899	Gregg, Mary E.		
		1874 <i>m</i>	Lore, Julia A., M. D. (McGrew)
1884	Harvey, Emily L.	1878 <i>d</i>	Layton, M. E.
1884 <i>m</i>	Hedrick, M. C. (Miles)	1873 <i>m</i>	Leming, Sarah (Shepherd)
1883 <i>r</i>	Hamisfar, F. N., M. D.	1884	Le Huray, Eleanor
1872	Howe, Gertrude	1884 <i>d</i>	Loyd, Mary DeF.
1879 <i>r</i>	Howe, Delia A.	1884 <i>r</i>	Latimer, Laura
1872	Hoag, L. A., M. D.	1892 <i>r</i>	Lauck, Ada J.
1874 <i>d</i>	Hastings, Mary L.	1886	Lawson, Anna E.
1877 <i>m</i>	Howard, Leonora, M. D. (King)	1890	Lyon, M. Ella, M. D.
1878 <i>m</i>	Holbrook, Mary A. (Chappell)	1891	Lewis, Ella A.
1878 <i>d</i>	Higgins, Susan B.	1891	Limberger, Anna R.
1881	Hampton, Minnie S.	1892	Lawson, Christine H.
1881 <i>m</i>	Hoy, Ella J. (Lawson)	1885	Lauck, Sarah
1883 <i>m</i>	Hugaboom, Marion	1894 <i>m</i>	Lee, Irene
1883	Hyde, Laura, M. D. (Foote)	1891 <i>r</i>	Locke, Jennie
1887 <i>m</i>	Hughes, Mary (Ernsberger)	1895	Linam, Alice
1886	Hewett, Elizabeth	1897 <i>r</i>	Lamb, Emma L.
1884	Hewett, Eleanor J.	1897	Lebens, Martha
1885 <i>r</i>	Hall, Emma M.	1897	Lilly, May B.
1884 <i>r</i>	Howard, Meta, M. D.	1897	Livermore, Melva A.
1887	Hartford, Mabel C.	1897	Lewis, Amy G.
1888 <i>m</i>	Hale, Lillian G. (Scott-Welday)	1898	Longstreet, I. D.
1888 <i>m</i>	Hyde, Minnie J. (Wilson)	1898	Loper, I. Grace
1891	Haefer, Louisa	1899	Livingstone, Kate
1892	Hammond, Rebecca J.	1901	Lewis, Margaret M., M. D.
1892	Hoge, Elizabeth		
1892 <i>m</i>	Harrington, Susan (Cousland)		
1892	Hebinger, Josephine (Snuggs)	1873 <i>m</i>	Monelle, Nancy, M. D. (Man- [sell])
1893 <i>m</i>	Harris, Mary W. (Follwell)	1874 <i>m</i>	Mason, Letitia, M. D. (Quine)
1893	Heaton, Carrie A.	1878 <i>r</i>	Mulliner, Clara
1893 <i>m</i>	Harris, Nellie	1871 <i>m</i>	McMillan, Carrie (Buck)
1895	Hardie, Eva M.	1881 <i>d</i>	Michenor, Emma

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1883	<i>m</i> McKesson, Mary (Conkling)	1879	Russell, Elizabeth
1884	<i>m</i> Mansell, Henrietta (Monroe)	1881	<i>d</i> Rowe, Phoebe
1886	<i>r</i> Miller, Oriel	1884	Reed, Mary
1886	<i>r</i> McDowell, Kate, M. D.	1884	Robinson, Mary C.
1888	Maxey, Elizabeth	1886	<i>m</i> Rulofson, G. M. (Thompson)
1888	<i>m</i> McBurnie, Susan (Bond)	1887	Rothweiler, Louisa C.
1888	Mitchell, Emma L.	1889	<i>m</i> Rogers, Anna M. (Furness)
1892	Masters, Luella M. D. [er]	1893	Rouse, Wilma H.
1893	<i>m</i> McGregor, Kate, M. D. (Boom-	1895	<i>r</i> Russell, Martha H.
1894	Marks, Lillian E.	1900	Rigby, Luella
1894	Meyer, Fannie E.	1900	Rowley, Mary L.
1896	Merrill, C. E.	1900	Robinson, Ruth E.
1896	Means, Mary	1900	Ruddick, Elizabeth May
1897	Martin, Clara	1900	Rasmussen, Helen E., Mrs.
1897	Melton, Mary E.	1902	Robins, Henrietta,
1898	Meaus, Alice	1902	Robinson, Helen
1899	Moyer, Jennie E.		
1899	Manning, Ella	1869	<i>r</i> Swain, Clara A., M. D.
1900	<i>d</i> Mekkeson, Josephine	1870	<i>r</i> Sparkes, Fannie J.
1900	Meek, Mrs. Mary C.	1874	<i>m</i> Schoonmaker, Dora (Soper)
1900	McKinley, Mary V.	1878	Spencer, Matilda A.
1900	<i>d</i> McKibben, Martha	1878	Swaney, Mary F.
1900	Martin, Emma E., M. D.	1878	<i>m</i> Sparr, Julia A., M. D. (Coffin)
1900	Miller, Lula A.	1879	<i>r</i> Sharpe, Mary
1900	Miller, Martha J.	1880	<i>m</i> Spence, Mattie B. (Perrie)
1900	Martin, Elizabeth	1880	<i>d</i> Sears, Annie B.
1900	Moots, Mrs. Cornelia	1884	<i>d</i> Schenck, Linna M.
1901	Marriott, Jessie Alice	1885	Scranton, Mrs. M. F.
1901	Moore, M. Alice	1885	Smith, Lida B.
1901	McKnight, Isabel	1887	Shaw, Ella C.
1902	Montgomery, Urdell	1888	Sullivan, Lucy W.
1902	McHose, Lotta	1888	Sheldon, Martha A., M. D.
		1898	<i>d</i> Simons, Maude E.
1880	<i>d</i> Nickerson, Florence	1889	Steere, Anna E.
1892	<i>r</i> Neiger, Lillian	1889	Scott, Fannie A.
1894	Nichols, Florence	1889	Sellers, Ruth E.
1896	Nichols, Elizabeth	1890	Stevenson, Ida B., M. D.
1898	Newton, Marion	1890	<i>m</i> Sites, Ruth M. (Brown)
1898	Nicolaisen, Martha L.	1890	<i>m</i> Sherwood, R., M. D. (Hall)
1900	Norton, Anna J., M. D.	1890	Seeds, Leonora H.
		1890	Stephens, Grace
1876	<i>d</i> Ogden, Nettie C.	1892	Stahl, Josephine
1891	Ogburn, Kate L.	1892	<i>m</i> Stanton, Alice M. (Woodruff)
1894	<i>m</i> Otto, Alice M. (Selby)	1894	Singer, Florence E.
1900	Organ, Clara M.	1895	<i>m</i> Sterling, Florence (Lenth)
1900	Odgers, Eva	1896	Spencer, Clarissa E.
		1896	Suderstrom, Anna
1871	<i>m</i> Porter, Mary Q. (Gamewell)	1896	Stone, Mary, M. D.
1872	<i>d</i> Pultz, Elizabeth M.	1896	Scott, Emma, M. D.
1878	<i>r</i> Priest, Mary	1896	Shockley, Mary E.
1886	<i>r</i> Pray, Susan, M. D.	1896	<i>m</i> Spear, Katherine A. (Collier)
1888	<i>m</i> Perrine, Florence (Mansell)	1899	Stearns, Mary P.
1888	Peters, Sarah	1899	Samson, Carrie J.
1888	<i>d</i> Pardoe, Mary E. V.	1900	Southard, Ada J.
1889	Phelps, Frances E.	1900	Stockwell, Grace
1889	<i>r</i> Parker, Theda, A.	1901	Stockwell, Emma
1890	Perkins, A. Francis	1902	Slate, Anna B.
1892	Paine, Josephine O.	1902	Seeds, Mabel K.
1894	Peters, Mary	1902	Soper, Maud E.
1896	Purdy, Caroline M.	1902	Sia, Mabel
1896	<i>m</i> Porter, Charlotte J.	1902	Stumpf, Susanna M.
1897	Pierce, Nellie	1902	Spaulding, Winifred
1899	Parkinson, Phoebe A.		
1900	Pak, Mrs. Esther Kim, M. D.	1869	<i>d</i> Thoburn, Isabella [les]
1900	Plumb, Florence	1874	<i>m</i> Trask, Sigourney, M. D. (Cow-
1902	Pierce, Thirza M.	1871	<i>m</i> Tinsley, Jennie M. (Vaugh)
1902	Pyne, Rosa M.	1887	Terry, Edna G., M. D.
		1889	<i>m</i> Taylor, Martha E. (Callahan)

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1889	Trimble, Lydia A.	1889	Wood, Elsie
1889 <i>m</i>	Thompson, Anna (Stephens)	1884	Wilson, May
1890 <i>m</i>	Tucker, Grace (Tague)	1889	Wilson, Frances O.
1890 <i>r</i>	Thompson, E.	1891 <i>m</i>	Walton, Ida B.
1895	Todd, Althea M.	1891	White, Laura M.
1895 <i>r</i>	Tryon, Elizabeth V.	1889 <i>m</i>	Wilson, Mary E. (Buchanan)
1895	Taft, Gertrude, M. D.	1892	Wood, Catherine A.
1897	Todd, Grace	1892	Wilkinson, Lydia A.
1900	Tippet, Mrs. Susan	1894	Wilson, Mary E.
1902	Turner, Sarah B.	1895	Wright, Laura S.
1902	Tuttle, Mary B., M. D.	1895	Wells, Phebe
1881	VanPetten, Mrs. Carrie	1896 <i>m</i>	Widdifield, Flora M. (Chew)
1887 <i>d</i>	Vance, Mary A. (Belknap)	1896	Waidman, Belle
1889	Van Dorsten, Amelia	1896	Wilson, Fannie G.
1891	Vickery, Ella M.	1900	Williams, Mary E.
1898	Varney, L. W.	1901	Woods, Grace W.
		1901	Wells, Elizabeth
1871 <i>d</i>	Woolston, Beulah	1901	Winslow, Anna S.
1871 <i>r</i>	Woolston, Sarah H.	1901	Williams, Christina
1874 <i>m</i>	Warner, Susan M. (Densmore)	1902	Weaver, Georgia
1876 <i>m</i>	Whiting, Olive (Bishop)	1902	Wescott, Pauline E.
1878 <i>d</i>	Woolston, Henrietta, M. D.		
1880 <i>d</i>	Woodworth, Kate (Quinn)	1880 <i>r</i>	Yates, Elizabeth U.
1881 <i>m</i>	Warner, Ellen H. (Fox)	1892	Young, Effie G.
1881 <i>m</i>	Wheeler, Frances J. (Verity)	1897	Young, Mariana
1883	Watson, Rebecca J.		
1885	Wisner, Julia E.	1898 <i>d</i>	Zentmire, Cora (Brewster)

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Questions to Missionary Applicants.

1. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary?
2. Do you desire and intend to make this your life work, and are you willing to labor in any field?
3. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ, our Lord?
4. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifest in the past?
5. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as set forth in Part I. Chapter I. of the Discipline?
6. Have you a thorough English education?
7. Have you studied Latin or any modern language; what proficiency have you made, and do you readily acquire the same?
8. In what schools have you taught and with what success?
9. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?
10. What is the condition of your health?
11. Have you ever been married; if so is your husband living?
12. Will you answer by *testimonials* to each of these questions?

Constitution

OF

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending missionaries to the women in foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields and all forms of work carried on by the Society.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute Membership, and twenty dollars Life-Membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become a Manager for Life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor a Patron for life.

ARTICLE IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, District Associations, Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

ARTICLE V.—GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee consisting of a President, Recording Secretary, General Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each branch, the Literature Committee, and the Secretary of German Work. The President, Recording Secretary, General Treasurer, and Secretary of German Work shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee. The two delegates and reserves shall be elected at the Branch Annual Meetings. Said committee shall meet in Boston, the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually, or oftener, thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SECTION 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be :

First. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society as presented in the report of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries, and in the estimates of the needs of mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance with the purposes and method therein indicated; to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; fixing the amounts to be raised; employing new missionaries, designating their field of labor, examining the reports of those already employed, and arranging with the several branches the work to be undertaken by each.

Second. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the constitution.

ARTICLE VI.—PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE.

1. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, and organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. All cases of emergency that would come before the General Executive Committee, arising in the interim of its sessions, shall be submitted to this committee, and decided by a majority vote.

4. The Chairman shall send each resolution that is submitted to the committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, the Recording Secretary shall declare the result, and record both resolutions and votes.

5. The committee shall present a full report of its action during the year to the General Executive Committee for approval and permanent record.

6. This committee shall hold a semi-annual meeting, at such time and place as shall be designated by the Chairman and Secretary. The expenses of this meeting shall be paid from the general treasury.

CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. This committee shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet and organize immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. All cases of emergency concerning publications, arising in the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be submitted to the Constitutional Publication Committee, and the case shall be decided by the majority vote.

4. This committee shall take charge of the missionary periodicals of the Society and arrange for the publication of an annual report of the work of the Society, and shall have supervision of all business concerning the publications. This committee shall report annually to the General Executive Committee.

5. The publisher shall give the Chairman an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the periodicals properly audited, by the first of October. If she finds it necessary to deviate from the published

instructions of the General Executive Committee, she shall lay the matter before this committee, and be subject to its direction. She shall report semi-annually to the Constitutional Publication Committee.

6. A committee of three shall be appointed annually by the Constitutional Publication Committee, to whom shall be intrusted the investment and control of the funds of these publications.

7. The publisher shall commence and close her financial year with October 1.

8. If the office of editor, publisher or member of Literature Committee becomes vacant during the year this committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

There shall be a Literature Committee of three whose duty it shall be to provide all the literature of the Society, except the periodicals and General Executive Committee's report.

ARTICLE VII.--CO-ORDINATE BRANCHES.

SECTION I. Co-ordinate branches of this Society on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the constitution, may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the church.

NAME.	STATES INCLUDED.	HEADQUARTERS.
New England Branch,	- - - - - New England States.	Boston, Mass.
New York Branch,	- - - - - New York, New Jersey.	New York, N. Y.
Philadelphia Branch,	- - - - - Pennsylvania and Delaware.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Baltimore Branch,	- - - - - Maryland, District of Columbia, Eastern Virginia and Florida.	Baltimore, Md.
Cincinnati Branch,,	- - - - - Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee.	Cincinnati, O.
Northwestern Branch,	- - - - - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin.	Chicago, Ill.
Des Moines Branch,	- - - - - Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana.	Des Moines, Iowa.
Minneapolis Branch,	- - - - - Minnesota, North and South Dakota.	Minneapolis, Minn.

- Topeka Branch, - - - - - Topeka, Kan.
 Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Texas,
 New Mexico and Oklahoma.
- Pacific Branch, - - - - - Los Angeles, Cal.
 California, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii.
- Columbia River Branch, - - - - - Portland, Ore.
 Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 2. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor and such other officers as shall be necessary for the efficient work of the Branch. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, provide for all the needs, and receive reports from all forms of work carried on by the Society, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 4. No Branch shall project new work, or undertake the support of new missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 5. Each Branch may make such By-Laws as may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this constitution.

ARTICLE VIII.—DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

District Associations shall be formed wherever practicable; said associations to have supervision of all auxiliaries within their limits.

ARTICLE IX.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute annually may form a society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, one or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X.—RELATING TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SEC. 1. This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. All missionaries sent out by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conference or Missions of the Church in which they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conferences or Missions and their committees in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder having the same relation to the work and the person in charge of it that he would have were it a work in the charge of any member of the Conference or Mission.

SEC. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our regular church services, nor in any Sunday-School, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday-Schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church ; and the amount so collected shall be reported by the pastor to the annual Conference, and be entered in a column among the benevolent collections in the Annual and General minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4 of this Article (X) shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the women from taking collections in meetings convened in the interests of their societies ; nor from securing memberships and life memberships in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals, or arranging lectures in the interest of their work.

ARTICLE XI.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting ; but Article X shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

By-Laws of the General Executive Committee.

I. The General Executive Committee shall convene not later than the last week in October.

II. The annual meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be held at such places as the said committee shall elect.

III. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held, shall fix the exact date of the meetings of said Committee, and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

IV. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet at least three days before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee for the purpose of nominating the members of the Standing Committees, and planning work for its session, and report the same at the opening of said Committee.

V. The traveling expenses of President and Recording Secretary shall be paid by General Treasurer of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

VI. The order of business shall be as follows :

1. Calling the roll.

2. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.*, Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.

3. Reception of Memorials and Petitions.

4. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.

5. Report of Committee of Reference.

6. Report of Constitutional Publication Committee.

7. Reports of Editors, Literature Committee and Publisher.

8. Reports of Official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.

9. Fixing place for next meeting.

10. Election of President and Secretary, who shall continue in office until the appointment of their successors.

11. Notice of constitutional amendments.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Reports of Standing Committees daily, immediately after reading minutes.

VII. The rules of order shall be as follows :

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. No member shall be granted leave of absence except by a vote of the entire body.

By-Laws

OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society.
2. The Recording Secretary shall keep a full record of all proceedings of the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and place the same in the safe of the Publication Office.

She shall present at the anniversary of the Society a report of the year's work. She shall also forward to our foreign treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment of the General Executive Committee, a copy of the appropriations for each mission.

II.—BRANCH CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

1. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall superintend all the interests of their respective Branches ; conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries ; be present at all Branch, annual, and quarterly meetings, and present a quarterly report of the work of the Branch, and give to the public, or direct to be given, all communications and plans of the business of their respective Branches.

2. Each Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report to the General Executive Committee the following items : Number of Auxiliary Societies, members, life members, honorary patrons and managers, subscribers to the *Woman's Missionary Friend* and the receipts of the Treasurer. In her report of the foreign work she shall include the number of missionaries, Bible readers, boarding schools, and orphans supported by her Branch.

III.—BRANCH TREASURERS.

1. Branch Treasurers shall be required to publish quarterly in the *Woman's Missionary Friend* their reports of moneys received.

2. The financial year of the Society shall commence October 1st. Branch Treasurers will close their accounts for the year by September 30.

3. The money received from annual memberships shall not be used to make Life Members, Managers or Patrons. Life memberships shall be made by the payment of twenty dollars, given specifically for that purpose. If in installments, the final payment shall be made as soon as practicable, and the membership reported as complete only when that has been done; all the installments to be credited on the Treasurer's book and acknowledged in the *Woman's Missionary Friend*.

4. In case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of the Executive Board, be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

5. Any bequest or donation made to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Branch within whose territory the bequest or donation is made, unless otherwise specified by the donor.

IV.—SECRETARY OF LITERATURE.

There shall be a Secretary of Literature elected by each Branch, whose duty it shall be to assist the Literature Committee through correspondence, by suggestions, by presenting the needs of their respective Branches, and aiding in any other way the Literature Committee may desire. It shall also be the duty of the Branch Literature Secretary to advance the interests and increase the circulation of our literature and publications in every possible way.

V.—FOREIGN TREASURERS.

1. Our Foreign Treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved and printed, if possible, to each Corresponding Secretary before October 1.

2. The Treasurers in the foreign field are instructed, upon receiving remittances, to immediately forward receipt for the same; also to forward semi-annually, January 1 and July 1, a financial statement together with balance in United States currency to the Branch Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. Any appropriation which, for any reason, is not required on the field, shall be so reported by the Treasurer on each April 1 and October 1.

3. The appropriations for the foreign fields shall be paid on the basis of the currency of the country, the exchange therefrom accruing to our treasury with the exception of the salaries of the missionaries and buildings, which shall be paid on the basis of American gold.

4. The funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for the purposes designated by that committee. Our missionaries shall not exceed in expenditure the amount appropriated by the General Executive Committee. Emergencies arising during the year can be met only by application, properly endorsed by the missionary authorities, to the Committee of Reference.

5. If any surplus funds remain in the Foreign Treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must be reported to the Branches, and held subject to the order of the Secretary of the Branch from whose moneys they accrue.

VI.—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall correspond with the missionaries, so as to be able to present a full report of the work in each mission, such information to be presented to the General Executive Committee, the fields assigned to the several Secretaries to be arranged by themselves.

VII.—INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

We call the attention of the missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society especially to Article X, Section 3, of Constitution, in compliance with which they will consult the Superintendent of the mission in which they are laboring on all general plans of their work, and advise with him as to the most effective measures to be taken in the purchase of property, building and any important undertaking belonging to their special interest.

1. They are expected to attend the annual meeting or Conference of their mission, and they may confer with other members of the mission upon all topics connected with their own department, and will report quarterly to the Superintendent.

2. They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through the Recording Secretary of the Reference Committee.

The General Executive Committee of 1901 authorized the formation of a Field Reference Committee in each of the annual Conferences or missions in foreign fields, each Field Reference Committee to be elected annually by its respective annual Conference or mission.

4. Each Field Reference Committee shall be composed of such workers as each conference or mission shall elect. The duty of said Field Reference Committee shall be to consider all matters of general interest arising during the interim of their annual meetings or conferences, and to report the same to the Reference Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. No communication to the Home Reference Committee shall be considered official without the signature of the chairman or secretary of the Field Reference Committee. Said Field Reference Committee may meet at stated times, or on call, according to their discretion. A majority vote of said Reference Committee shall be binding. Any action requiring the sanction of the home authorities must be made through the Field Reference Committee. This measure is intended in no way to prevent individual presentation to home authorities, but simply to indicate and maintain the purposes of the mission, or conference as a unit.

5. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society for which the estimate has not previously been submitted to, and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

6. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

7. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and missionaries are instructed not to apply to private sources for aid or support of their work.

8. The estimate for conveyances, munshis and teachers shall be included in the estimates for Bible-women and zenana workers.

9. The estimates for support of scholarships shall include the cost of fuel and lights, medicines, and any minor expenses that are included in the expense of maintaining schools.

10. A medical missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, and report them quarterly to the Treasurer of the Mission, any surplus being remitted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

11. If there prove to be a manifest unfitness for missionary labor, the General Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a missionary whom it has appointed, three months' notice having been given to such appointee by the Committee of Reference, return passage to be

paid by the Society, provided she return at the expiration of the three months.

12. A lady missionary desiring her expenses paid by the Society for a return home from any other cause than that of ill health, must secure permission from the General Executive Committee or Committee of Reference, through the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch supporting her.

13. All missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society are instructed not to adopt any child as their own, and are asked to give a promise that they will keep this rule.

14. All rules pertaining to the relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with its missionaries shall be published in the general annual report.

15. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch by which any missionary is sent shall be required to sign the following contract: I, ———, Corresponding Secretary of ——— Branch, by which the money is raised for the support of ———, agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to pay the traveling expenses of ——— from the time of her leaving home to that of her arrival in her field of labor, and also her salary from the latter date. In case of illness, I agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to submit a resolution to the General Executive Committee, or in the interim of its sessions, to the Committee of Reference, asking the privilege of her return home. Such permission being granted, I agree to pay her return passage; and in case her relations to the Society are harmonious, her salary for the first year shall be \$350.

If her health demands her to remain in this country, the second year she shall receive \$300; and if her detention at home is necessary for a longer period, her case shall be in the hands of her Branch for adjustment.

In case of emergency demanding her immediate return home, she shall bring a certificate of disability from a physician and the Superintendent of the mission.

We agree to furnish our missionaries with necessary outfit and \$100 for furniture, if needed, the same to be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

All new missionaries and those returning after a five years' term of service shall have a salary which includes all expenses hitherto classed as incidentals and shall be: In Africa, \$500; Bulgaria, \$600; Central China, Foochow and Hing-Hua, \$600; North China, \$650; West China, \$450; India, \$600; \$50 additional in Bombay City for house expenses; Italy, \$600; Japan, \$700; Korea, \$700; Malaysia, \$425; Mexico, \$750; South America, \$750.

First year's salaries : \$400, where full salary is \$425, \$450 where \$500; \$500, where \$600; \$525, where \$650; \$550, where \$650, \$700 where \$750.

16. We recommend, when practicable, that such an arrangement be made for the duties of our missionaries during the first year's service as shall allow them considerable time for the study of the language, and that their salary for that year shall be \$400, with \$150 for incidentals. Medical missionaries shall from the first receive full salary.

17. Each returned missionary shall be expected to attend the first General Executive Committee session after her return, and her traveling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be met by the branch supporting her, unless otherwise provided for. Missionaries returning home will please take notice that the charges on freight and duties are very large, and are requested to make these as light as possible, leaving heavy and unnecessary things in the country where they have been working.

18. We accept the relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the authorities of the church, and to our workers in the field, as interpreted by the delegated conference in India, in their session of 1881, as follows:

WHEREAS, Certain usages have grown up and been found acceptable and successful in connection with our older mission field in India, we deem it expedient to formulate the same in the following rules :

1. In general: The position of a lady missionary, placed in charge of work in connection with any of our circuits or stations, is the same as that of a second missionary or "junior preacher" to whom special work is assigned.

2. In particular: The general plan of work, such as establishing new schools, employing and dismissing head teachers, arranging terms of tuition, board, etc., and preparing a course of study, when these matters are not fixed by the Educational Committee, selecting classes of people among whom work may be more successfully carried on, arranging dispensaries and deciding the proportion of medical work to be given to natives and Europeans, Christians and non-Christians, etc., all such *general plans* shall be arranged by the lady in charge of the special departments of work, after free consultation with the Superintendent or Presiding Elder.

3. The lady missionary in charge of work has full liberty to do the work assigned her in her own way, and to carry out the internal arrangement of her department in the manner which she deems best adapted to secure success.

4. The relation of the Superintendent or Presiding Elder to the work under the charge of a lady is the same as it would be were it under the

charge of a member of conference—he having a general advisory supervision, auditing the accounts (when not done by trustees), making suggestions, etc., exactly as with all the other work of his district.

5. Lady missionaries in charge of work, and all missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are appointed by the President of Conference, at the same time and in the same manner that the appointments of conference are made. Should, however, a President of Conference at any time decline to so appoint, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder in Council will arrange the same.

6. All new buildings or expensive repairs or changes shall receive the sanction of superintendent or Presiding Elder, even though no appropriations of money be asked.

7. A class of laborers are employed in our work, known as "assistants". In the employment or dismissal of these ladies, the consent of the Superintendent of Mission or of the Presiding Elder must be secured. They may be transferred by the Presiding Elder, with the consent of the lady in charge of the department in which they are employed. When these lady assistants, being members of our church, by several years of faithful service, have come to be received as belonging permanently to our body of laborers, they may, on the recommendation of the Woman's Society, when such exists, or by quarterly Conference, be formally recognized by Conference, and appointed the same as women missionaries are.

8. In case of a transfer of a woman missionary or an "assistant" from one Conference or charge to another, a written permission shall be secured, signed by Superintendent or Presiding Elder in whose jurisdiction the person may be employed, when, according to the condition in Rule 7, the engagement may be completed.

OFFICIAL RELATIONS OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

1. Definition of relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as given by the Bishops in May, 1881.

"To the ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society :

"To your questions we respectfully reply as follows :

"1st. We take the liberty to refer you to our action bearing date November 22, 1877, a copy of which is as follows :

'TEACHERS IN MISSION SCHOOLS.'

"1. In the judgment of the Bishops it is not within the right of the Superintendent of a mission to remove lay teachers from the schools to which they have been appointed, nor to interfere authoritatively with the internal arrangements of the schools, unless such right be expressly granted by the missionary authorities at New York.

"2. In case of difference between appointee and the Mission (including the Superintendent), which cannot be adjusted between the parties without unreasonable delay, we recommend that such difference, with the papers and facts, be referred by the parties to the Bishop in charge for final decision.

"3. It is our judgment that the missionaries sent by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society should be permitted to be present at the meetings of the Mission and to speak on all the matters relating to their work.

Most respectfully and sincerely,

"WILLIAM L. HARRIS."

REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Each Branch shall appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall be chairman, who shall investigate the case of any candidate within the limits of the Branch, and shall supply such candidate with blank for health certificate and constitutional questions, to be filled out and answered by her ; and when practicable a personal interview shall be had with the woman by two or more of the committee before her papers are forwarded to the Reference Committee, or the committee appointed at the General Executive meeting. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch presenting missionary candidates shall have a personal interview with each woman presented before her final appointment to a foreign field.

2. A missionary candidate must believe herself Divinely called to the work of a foreign missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to act in accordance with God's will.

3. She must indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.

4. She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill-health ; this is not to be understood in the sense that the obligation to remain in the field ceases at five years, but that her obligation to refund passage and outfit money is binding for that length of time ; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.

5. The age of candidates must not be less than twenty-five years, or more than thirty years. A special facility in acquiring languages, or call to English work, may be considered sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

6. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

7. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

8. Every missionary candidate is requested to sign the following contract :

"I,———, agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money."

9. After the adoption of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee, and of the Committee of Reference, in the interim of the sessions of that committee.

10. The case of any accepted candidate not sent out during the year, shall be brought before the General Executive Committee at its next session.

11. The application of a missionary candidate with corresponding testimonials shall cover the following particulars: Health, adaptability to people and circumstances, executive ability, intellectual qualities and culture, religious experience and usefulness, and general fitness for the work.

First. Health, attested by a properly certified health certificate.

Second. Personal religious experience. Belief in the doctrines and identification with the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, experience and efficiency in Christian work.

Conviction and call to Missionary work, and the intention to give to it the service of her life.

Third. Testimonials are further necessary as to grade of scholarship, whether it includes the study of Latin or any modern language, with facility in its acquirement ; knowledge of music, vocal or instrumental. Diploma of scholarship.

Certificate of experience and success in teaching.

Fourth. Testimonials are also required as to executive ability, adaptability to people and circumstances, and whatever personal qualities are necessary for greatest efficiency in Christian work.

VIII.—PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. The periodicals of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, *Children's Missionary Friend*, *Der Frauen-Missions-Freund*, and *The Study*.

2. The editors and publisher shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee.

3. The territory of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be divided into three sections—The Eastern section to be composed of New England, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore Branches; the Central section, Cincinnati and North Western Branches; the Western section, Minneapolis, Des Moines, Topeka, Pacific and Columbia River Branches.

4. The Literature Committee shall be nominated by the delegates from the above sections, and elected by the General Executive Committee for a term of three years on the rotation plan. The Committee shall report to the mid-year meeting of the Constitutional Publication Committee, to the Annual Meeting and to the General Executive Committee.

5. In the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, the management of the society's periodicals shall be under the control of the Publication Committee provided by the Constitution.

6. The proceedings of the General Executive Committee shall be reported in the December number of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, excluding appropriations and unimportant details.

7. The minutes of the General Executive Committee shall be incorporated in the Annual Report.

8. The postage and traveling expenses of the editors of *Woman's Missionary Friend*, *Children's Missionary Friend*, *Frauen-Missions-Freund* and *The Study* and publisher of these papers, and members of the Literature Committee, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of these publications.

9. In no case shall the amount used in publishing interests, or for any other demands, infringe upon a capital of \$5,000 to be retained in the treasury of the Society's publications.

10. There shall be a Constitutional Publication Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary of each Branch, to take charge of the missionary periodicals of the Society and to arrange for the publication of an annual report of the work of the Society. This committee shall report annually to the General Executive Committee.

11. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

IX—ZENANA PAPER.

1. The Constitutional Publication Committee shall take charge of the funds raised for the endowment of the Zenana Paper and control of their investment and expenditure, and have the general supervision of the interests of the paper.

2. The Corresponding Secretary of each Branch shall have the control of the investment of the funds raised for the support of the Zenana Paper within the bounds of her Branch, with the approval of the Constitutional Publication Committee; the interest on investment to be paid semi-annually to the Treasurer of the Zenana Paper.

3. The Woman's Conference in India shall nominate a committee consisting of five persons, three ladies and two gentlemen, one of whom shall be the publisher, to supervise the interests of the paper and arrange with the Press Committee for editing and publishing the Zenana Paper in the various languages and dialects required; these nominations to be subject to the approval of the Constitutional Publication Committee in America.

4. The Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India shall send an Annual Report of the Zenana Paper to the Chairman of the Constitutional Publication Committee, with the amount of circulation and items of interest, in time to be presented to the Annual Meeting of the General Executive Committee in America.

5. The Treasurer in India of the funds of the Zenana Paper, shall furnish the Constitutional Publication Committee an Annual Report of the receipts and expenditures of said paper, in time to be presented to the General Executive Committee meeting in America.

6. A report of the Zenana Paper shall be published in the Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

7. The Treasurer of the Zenana Paper funds in America shall send the interest on the investments direct to the Treasurer of the Zenana Paper in India, only upon order of the Chairman of the Constitutional Publication Committee.

X—ANNUAL MEETINGS.

8. The General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church is hereby authorized to hold its Annual Meetings either within or without the bounds of the State of New York, and at such times and places as said Committee may determine; and said Committee, at its Annual Meeting in each year shall appoint a President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and other officers of the Society according to its best judgment.

Form of Annuity.

WHEREAS,.....of.....has donated to and paid into the treasury of the.....Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church the sum of.....Dollars.

Now, Therefore, the said... ..Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in consideration thereof, hereby agrees to pay to said.....during....natural life interest on the aforesaid sum at the rate of.....per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, said payments to cease on the death of said.....and the said sum donated by.....as aforesaid is to be considered as an executed gift to said Society and to belong to said Society from this date, without any account or liability therefor.

.....Branch of the Woman's
Foreign Missionary Society of the
Methodist Episcopal Church by,

.....

Act of Incorporation.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK. } ss.

We, the undersigned, Caroline R. Wright, Anna A. Harris, Sarah K. Cornell and Harriet B. Skidmore, of the City of New York, and Susan A. Sayre, of the City of Brooklyn, being all citizens of the United States of America, and citizens of the State of New York, do hereby, pursuant to, and in conformity with the Act of the Legislature of the State of New York passed on April 12th, 1848, entitled, "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable and missionary societies;" and the several Acts of the said Legislature amendatory thereof, associate ourselves together and form a body politic and corporate, under the name and title of "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," which we certify is the name or title by which said Society shall be known in law. And we do hereby further certify that the particular business and object of said Society is to engage and unite

the efforts of Christian women in sending female missionaries to women in foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

That the number of managers to manage the business and affairs of said Society shall be seventeen, and that the names of such managers of said Society, for the first year of its existence, are: Lucy A. Alderman, Sarah L. Keen, Ellen T. Cowen, Hannah M. W. Hill, Mary C. Nind, Elizabeth K. Stanley, Harriet M. Shattuck, Isabel Hart, Caroline R. Wright, Harriet B. Skidmore, Rachel L. Goodier, Annie R. Gracey, Harriet D. Fisher, Sarah K. Cornell, Anna A. Harris, Ordella M. Hillman and Susan A. Sayre.

That the place of business or principal office of said Society shall be in the City and County of New York, in the State of New York.

Witness our hand and seal this 20th day of December, A. D., 1884.

CAROLINE R. WRIGHT,	[SEAL]
ANNA A. HARRIS,	"
HARRIET B. SKIDMORE,	"
SUSAN A. SAYRE,	"
SARAH K. CORNELL,	"

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

On the 20th day of December, 1884, before me personally came and appeared Caroline R. Wright, Anna A. Harris, Harriet B. Skidmore and Sarah K. Cornell, to me known, and to me personally known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and they severally duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

ANDREW LEMON,

[NOTARY'S SEAL.]

Notary Public, (58)

New York County.

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF KINGS, }
CITY OF BROOKLYN, } ss.

On the 22nd day of December, A. D., 1884, before me came Susan A. Sayre, to me known, and known to me to be one of the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

F. G. MINTRAM,

[NOTARY'S SEAL.]

Notary Public for King's County.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }
COUNTY OF KINGS, } ss.

I, Rodney Thursby, Clerk of the County of Kings and Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for said county (said court being a Court of Records) Do HEREBY CERTIFY, that F. G. Mintram, whose name is subscribed to the Certificate of Proof, or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument and thereon written, was at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Notary Public of the State of New York, in and for the said County of Kings, dwelling in said County, commissioned and sworn, and duly authorized to take the same. And, further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary, and verily believe the signature to the said Certificate is genuine, and that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of the State of New York.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County and Court, this 24th day of December, 1884.

[SEAL]

RODNEY THURSBY, *Clerk.*

[Endorsed.]

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Certificate of Incorporation, December 27, 1884.

I, the undersigned, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, for the first Judicial District, do hereby approve the within certificate, and do consent that the same be filed pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled, "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable, scientific and missionary societies," passed April 12th, 1848, and the several Acts extending and amending said Act. Dated New York, Dec. 26, 1884.

ABM. R. LAWRENCE, J. S. C.

STATE OF NEW YORK. } ss.
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK

I, James A. Flack, Clerk of the said City and County, and Clerk of the Supreme Court of said State for said County, do certify that I have compared the preceding with the original Certificate of Incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original. Endorsed, filed and recorded, Dec. 27th, 1884, 1 hour, 25 minutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my official seal, this 12th day of November, 1888.

[SEAL]

JAMES A. FLACK, *Clerk.*

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Forms for Will and Devise.

Special attention is called to the following form of bequest and devise required by the incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated under the laws of the State of New York Dollars to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be sufficient acquittance to my executors therefor.

FORM OF DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I hereby give and devise to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," (describe land, etc., intended to be given to the Society) and to their successors and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Prompt notice of all bequests and devises should be given to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within which the donor resides.

Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, 230 West 59th street, New York, is the Treasurer of the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, with power to sign release to executors, through whom the Society may receive bequests, and to perform such other acts as are required by the Act of Incorporation, and which cannot be legally executed by Branch Treasurers.

The following resolution was adopted at the General Executive Committee at Springfield, Mass., and ordered published in the Annual Report:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York, be authorized to accept and receive all gifts and legacies to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or to any Branch thereof, and to give all suitable receipts, releases and acquittances therefor, under the corporate seal, or otherwise; and also, by the direction of a majority of the members of the Reference Committee given either at a meeting of said Committee, or separately by the individuals comprising the same, to execute under the corporate seal, acknowledge and deliver conveyances or releases of any land or property owned, held or claimed by the said Society or any other instrument necessary or useful for the promotion of the purposes of said Society.

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LIST OF REAL ESTATE

Belonging to Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, M. E. Church.

NORTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

Almorah, Sanitarium.....	\$ 2,830 00
Budoan	5,650 00
Bareilly Hospital	13,000 00
Bareilly Orphanage.....	11,000 00
Bhot	1,000 00
Bijnour	3,000 00
Hardul.....	900 00
Gonda	2,500 00
Lucknow, College, Home etc.,	56,600 00
Moradabad	9,500 00
Naini Tal, Boarding School...	26,600 00
Pauri, Orphanage and Board-	
ing School	10,000 00
Pithoragarh, Women's Home	6,441 00
And Boarding School	6,441 00
Sitapore.....	3,400 00
Shajahanpore Bidwell Mem-	
orial.....	6,150 00
Total.....	\$164,412 00

NORTHWEST INDIA.

Agra	\$ 2,600 00
Aligarh, Louisa Soules School	12,700 00
Ajmere	4,450 00
Allahabad	6,600 00
Brindaban, Calder Home.....	4,000 00
Cawnpore	32,000 00
Meerut.....	10,000 00
Muttra	13,300 00

Total.....\$ 85,710 00

SOUTH INDIA.

Hyderabad Home	\$ 10,000 00
Hyderabad Zenana Home	6,000 00
Kolar, William Gamble, Dea-	
coness Home	5,000 00
Madras, Harriet Bond Skid-	
more Memorial School and	
Home	20,000 00
Sironcha, Mary J. Clark Mem-	
orial.....	4,500 00
Raipur	375 00
Vicrabad	1,000 00

Total.....\$ 46,875 00

BOMBAY CONFERENCE.

Bombay Boarding School and	
Home	\$ 25,000 00
Paroda Orphanage.....	2,000 00
Khandwa	500 00
Jabalpor Orphanage and	
Boarding School.....	12,000 00
Deaconess House	5,000 00

Total.....\$ 44,500 00

BENGAL CONFERENCE.

Ansansol.....	\$ 1,000 00
Mozaffarpore.....	500 00
Darjeeling Queen's Hill Girls'	
School.....	30,000 00
Total.....	\$ 31,500 00

BURMA CONFERENCE.

Rangoon Girl's High School....	\$20,000 00
" Charlotte O'Neal In-	
stitute.....	20,000 00
Pegu.....	150 00
Total.....	\$40,150 00

MALAYSIA.

Singapore	\$8,000 00
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NORTH CHINA.

Peking, Home and School....	\$14,000 00
" Hospital	5,000 00
Tientsin, Hospital.....	14,000 00
" Home and School....	5,000 00
Tsun Hua, Hospital.....	3,000 00
" Home and School....	5,000 00
Total.....	\$46,000 00

CENTRAL CHINA.

Chinkiang, Home and Hospital	\$10,000 00
Nanking, Home and School	5,500 00
Kiu Kiang	8,500 00
Elizabeth S. Danforth Hospital	4,000 00

Total.....\$28,000 00

FOOCHOW.

Girl's Boarding School and	
Residence	\$14,000 00
Woman's School and Residence	4,500 00
Two Hospitals and Residence..	11,100 00
Mary E. Crook Memorial	
Orphanage.....	3,100 00
Hok Chiang Girl's School.....	4,500 00
Kucheng Girl's School	3,950 00
Kucheng Woman's Training	
School, etc.....	2,250 00
Kucheng Women's and Girl's	
School Compound.....	722 00

Total.....\$44,122 00

HING HUA CONFERENCE.

Hing Hua School and Home ..	\$3,000 00
Sieng In School and Home.....	2,000 00

Total.....\$5,000 00

WEST CHINA.

Chung King Home.....	\$4,000 00
Chung King School Building...	2,000 00
Chung King, William A. Gam- ble Hospital.....	5,000 00
Total	\$11,000 00
Total for China.....	\$134,122 00

KOREA.

Seoul Home and School.....	\$13,000 00
Dispensary.....	600 00
East Gate Seranton Home.....	2,000 00
Dispensary.....	300 00
Baldwin Chapel.....	250 00
Pyeng Yang Home, Hospital and Dispensary.....	1,500 00
Total.....	\$17,650 00

NORTH JAPAN CONFERENCE.

Hakodati School Building and Home.....	\$13,500 00
Hirosaki	1,000 00
Total	\$14,500 00

CENTRAL JAPAN CONFERENCE.

Sendai Ladies' Home.....	\$5,000 00
Tokyo Tsukiji.....	8,500 00
Tokyo Aoyama.....	20,000 00
Asakusa Day School.....	500 00
Tokyo Industrial School.....	3,000 00

YOKOHAMA.

The Maud E Simon's Memorial	4,900 00
Higgins Memorial Home and Training School.....	12,500 00
Yamabukicho Day School.....	1,200 00
Kanagawa Kindergarten.....	50 00
Don Tarlux School Arzena.....	200 00
Nagoya.....	2,000 00
Total....	\$56,950 00

SOUTH JAPAN CONFERENCE.

Nagasaki Home and School ..	\$50,000 00
Fukuoko	13,000 00
Koga Orphanage	2,500 00
Total	\$65,500 00

MEXICO.

Mexico City School, etc.....	\$35,000 00
Pachuca	30,000 00
Peubla.....	26,000 00
Guanajuato.....	3,000 00
Total.....	\$94,000 00

SOUTH AMERICA.

Montevideo School and Home, \$	22,700 00
Rosario	10,000 00
Total	\$ 32,700 00

BULGARIA.

Loftcha Home and School....	\$ 6,500 00
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ITALY.

Rome Orphanage and School, \$	15,000 00
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SUMMARY.

North India	\$164,412 00
Northwest India.....	85,710 00
South India	46,875 00
Bombay	44,500 00
Bengal	31,500 00
Burma	40,150 00
Malaysia	8,000 00
North China	46,000 00
Central China	28,000 00
Foochow	44,122 00
Hing Hua	5,000 00
West China	11,000 00
North Japan	14,500 00
Central Japan	56,950 00
South Japan	65,500 00
Mexico.....	94,000 00
South America.....	32,700 00
Bulgaria	6,500 00
Italy.....	15,000 00
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	\$840,419 00

GIFTS TO THE Evangel-ine Perpetual Bible-woman's Fund.

THROUGH THE NEW YORK BRANCH.

Invested in buildings in India	\$5,000.00
Invested in buildings in South America	2,000.00
Invested in buildings in Mexico	2,000.00
Received in 1899 to be invested	8,000.00

Fifty dollars interest to be paid annually on each one thousand dollars invested, to maintain in perpetuity the following Bible-women.

By Angeline Ensign Newman in memory of her

Father —Rev. Datus Ensign, for Bible-woman Mary, in Buenos Ayres, South America.

Mother —Mary Winegar Ensign, for Bible-woman Mary, in Montevideo, South America.

Sisters —Mary A. Ensign Campbell, for Bible-woman Anna, in Mexico City.

—Adria Eliza Ensign, for Bible-woman Adria, in Pachuca, Mexico.

Brothers—John Wesley Ensign, for Bible-woman Mary, in Pithoragarh, India.

—William Fletcher Ensign, for Bible-woman Mary, in Pithoragarh, India.

—Hiram Asbury Ensign, for Bible-woman Mary, in Chandag, India.

—Benson Coke Ensign, for Bible-woman Sarah Gill, in Paori, India.

One thousand dollars—Gifts to Mrs. Newman for a home for returned missionaries at Round Lake, afterwards converted to this fund by consent of donors, in honor of Mrs. Pruda D. Harwood, for Bible-woman Nora Gill in Naini Tal, India.

To all to whom these presents may come and whom it may concern :

WHEREAS, Mrs. Angeline Ensign Newman has paid over to the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church the sum of seven thousand dollars in seven installments of one thousand dollars each up to date, upon the understanding and agreement hereinafter expressed :

Now, therefore, know ye that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in consideration of the payment of said sums of money above recited, has agreed and doth hereby agree to and with Mrs. Angeline Ensign Newman and any other person or persons who shall contribute a sum of one thousand dollars for the purpose hereinafter stated, that for each sum of one thousand dollars heretofore paid by Mrs. Angeline Ensign Newman as aforesaid, or here-

after to be paid to the Society by her, or by any other person or persons for the like purpose, the said Society will hold an invested permanent fund of one thousand dollars, and will ever hereafter apply the income thereof, at the rate of five per cent. per annum, exclusively to the support of a converted native bible-woman in such mission field as may be deemed advisable by said Society, and who shall be employed to read the Holy Scriptures in the native language of the country where such bible-woman may reside, for at least three hours in each day to women and children of that country, in their homes or wherever found, who will listen to the reading of the bible.

In witness whereof these presents have been subscribed by the members of the Executive Committee of said Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church at a meeting of said committee held at Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 20th day of May, 1897.

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"And Samuel took a stone, and set it
it Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath

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between Mizpeh and Shen, and called
the LORD helped us."—1 Samuel 7: 12

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